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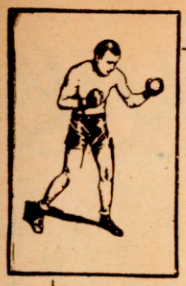

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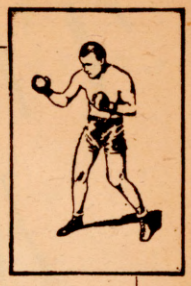

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What fighter scored the most knockouts in 1938?

Who was the most active boxer during the year?

There will be no record books published in this country this year according to present indications, hence The Ring, from its files, will furnish you with the information you ordinarily would find in such books, in a special article.

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The Ring's Ranking Makes JOE LOUIS *Boxer of the Year*

By NAT FLEISCHER

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ONCE more we tackle the task of ranking the boxers of the world. The job has been an altogether pleasant one, unbroken in its sequence since 1925, always authoritative, and productive of the healthiest discussion in boxing circles from New York to Hong Kong.

This is the fourteenth listing. When the publisher originated this unusual and oft-imitated feature he established Tex Rickard as source of the ratings. But in recent years THE RING has found it wise and expedient to set up a new arrangement.

The rankings are the result of the labors of a world-wide board composed of experts,—newspaper boxing writers, outstanding promoters, members of commissions in the United States and governing bodies abroad, and correspondents of this magazine.

We offer the rankings for 1938 with confidence that they are just, definitive, and thoroughly expert. We present them with the customary certainty that they will provoke much comment, plenty of disagreement,—and, in the final analysis, benefices to the game of boxing.

Before going into our story, let us once again stress an important point which invariably escapes many of our critics. The ranking herewith published is based on achievements in the year 1938.

It has nothing whatever to do with accomplishments in 1937 or previous years. It has nothing to do with mere impressions, it is not connected with what experts might think fighters capable of attaining in 1939.

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IN short, we base this rating entirely on what has been done this past year. We compile it with a strong desire to give their just dues not only to the boxers of the United States but to the representatives of all foreign countries. The influence of this magazine has been paramount in building the international entente cordiale in boxing, which certainly far excels the political entente.

We print this rating list with no axes to grind, with no apologies to any one—with malice toward none and charity for all.

Usually, the ranking of heavyweights proves far and away the outstanding feature of this annual job.

But this time we find the keenest interest in the lesser divisions. The rise of Henry Armstrong, who achieved three titles, did much to arouse interest in the classes below the heavyweight, with the result that this year we have a most attractive listing down the line.

Let us make another perhaps necessary explanation. THE RING does not always make the champion of a class No. 1. THE RING is not especially interested in the claims of fighters and their managers.

Now, for the detailed analysis of the ranking for 1938. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, is designated No. 1 in his class—No. 1 and all alone.

Henry Armstrong, who won two more titles this year, beating Barney Ross for the welter championship and Lou Ambers for lightweight honors, in the wake of his acquisition of the feather laurels in 1937, also holds a most interesting position.

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BETWEEN Louis and Armstrong lies the chief designation of the ranking—the Boxer of the Year. And to Louis THE RING is glad to award the honor.

Louis won the championship in 1937 by beating Jim Braddock. In 1936, Louis, struggling toward the top, encountered Max Schmeling and was knocked out in the twelfth round.

Max gave the Negro a lesson in strategy, a lesson in boxing—and a bad beating.

In 1938, Louis knocked out Schmeling in exactly 2 minutes 4 seconds of the very first round.

They said Louis could not forget the knockout he had suffered at the hands of the German. They established Max the favorite. But Louis proved himself a great and grand fighter, and a truly game one. He assumed, strangely enough, the psychological leadership in the situation, cast caution to the winds and soon left Schmeling whipped, a helpless heap, far from the fighter who had knocked Louis to the canvas.

It took every element that makes a fighter of the decades for Joe Louis to achieve this revenge over Schmeling.

Into the 2 minutes 4 seconds Louis packed the fighting superlatives of the year 1938. With that knockout in the first round, Louis attained something more than Armstrong was able to accomplish in the winning of two more titles with victories over Ross and Ambers.

To Armstrong, for his triumphs over Ross and Ambers, for his victory over Ceferino Garcia, THE RING accords the No. 2 position in the rating of the men who were considered for the Boxer of the Year. Until the home stretch in the voting, Armstrong had a big lead, but in the last few days, Louis overcame this and gained first place by a margin of 18 per cent.

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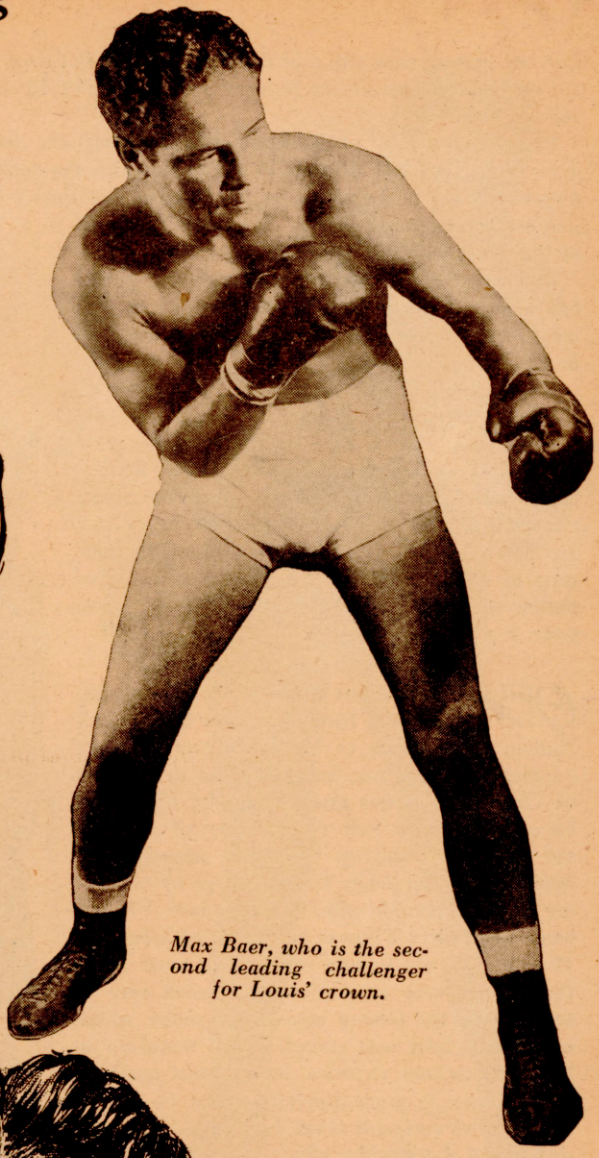
RATING third among the individual achievements of the year, was the remarkable rise of the Alameda, California youngster, Lou Nova who, by a whirlwind finish, overtook his rivals in the scramble for the challenger's post in the heavyweight

Joe Louis, the king of all boxers.



Max Baer, who is the second leading challenger for Louis' crown.

ranks, to win the coveted honors. Lou gained the highest position, right behind Louis, by his sensational triumphs over Gunnar Barlund whom he stopped in seven rounds and Tommy Farr, who lost to Nova in fifteen rounds. The fact that both of these men were listed high in the rating throughout the year, gained for Nova the coveted place. His only setback was the loss of a ten-round bout to Maxie Rosenbloom last June.

The achievement of Baer in conquering Tommy Farr in a sensational battle in which Baer gave the best exhibition of his career, was a notable performance. Farr at the time was ranked fourth best world heavyweight despite his two previous setbacks, and in defeat, he like Baer, was magnificent. Baer, whose star had apparently set following his defeat by Louis, rose once more to a vehement spot of contention in the heavyweight situation and until Nova's great triumph over Farr in the final stages of the 1938 campaign, Livermore Max clung by hairline to the post that was finally won from him by Nova.

Bob Pastor, who lost high rating by defeat in home stretch.

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BOB PASTOR likewise gained a high post despite his recent setback at the hands of Gus Dorazio. Until that defeat, he was our No. 2 man but losing that decision, caused him to tumble to No. 3 post behind Baer. Had he not lost that bout, he would have gone ahead of Nova.

We undoubtedly will be criticized by friends of Dorazio, Galento and others for giving Pastor such a high ranking, yet if one analyzes the records of all the heavyweights below our No. 2 man, he won't

find any that surpasses that of the New Yorker. Let's see what he did during the year—from January 1 to December 16 when our ratings took place.

Pastor had a total of thirteen fights with only one defeat. He drew with Nova in California in a bout in which the decision was disputed. Many of the Coast scribes thought that Pastor had won that contest. Certain it is that Nova didn't get any of the worst of it.

Bob drew with Rosenbloom who defeated Nova, our leading challenger. He knocked out Lee Ramage, who in turn drew in ten rounds and lost in ten rounds to Nova.

Bob's record, despite the defeat at the hands of Dorazio, far surpasses that of Galento, Rosenbloom, John Henry Lewis, Len Harvey, Red Burman, Roscoe Toles, Farr, Schmeling, Strickland or Barlund—the rest of the men in our select circle. Our critics must remember that the ratings are not based on just one fight, but all the contests of the year. Pastor has been a most active battler and the one setback simply throws him down a peg.

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OUR fourth choice is Galento, who despite the fact that aside from his one battle with Nathan Mann, none of his other contests were impressive, scored five knockouts. As in the case of Carnera, who was given setups by Bill Duffy to enable him to roll up a string of victories via the kayo route, so Galento's manager, has been souring the public on his charge by bolstering Tony's record with fishy contests. Tony's bout with Harry Thomas almost killed boxing in Philadelphia, yet in our ratings, we must credit the fighter with an achievement when such is accepted by the boxing commission under whose control the bout was staged. Based therefore on his five knockout victories, four against mediocre talent, Tony is given the place next to Pastor. That shows how poor the heavyweight crop is throughout the world.

Maxie Rosenbloom, on the eve of his retirement, finds himself occupying No. 5 position in Group 2. He had only three fights. He scored one knockout and had a win over Nova and a draw with Pastor. Because of his record against the last two named, he cannot be ignored in our 1938 ranking.

Close on Maxie's trail is John Henry Lewis, the light-heavyweight king who fought only twice as a light-heavyweight, winning both times in defense of his crown, once by a kayo and against Gainer by a decision in fifteen rounds. Lewis engaged in nine fights with heavyweights, winning all. However, not one of those nine opponents could be compared in ability with the two Rosenbloom fought, Nova and Pastor, or with Mann at the time that Galento knocked him out. That's why Lewis goes below Rosenbloom and Galento.

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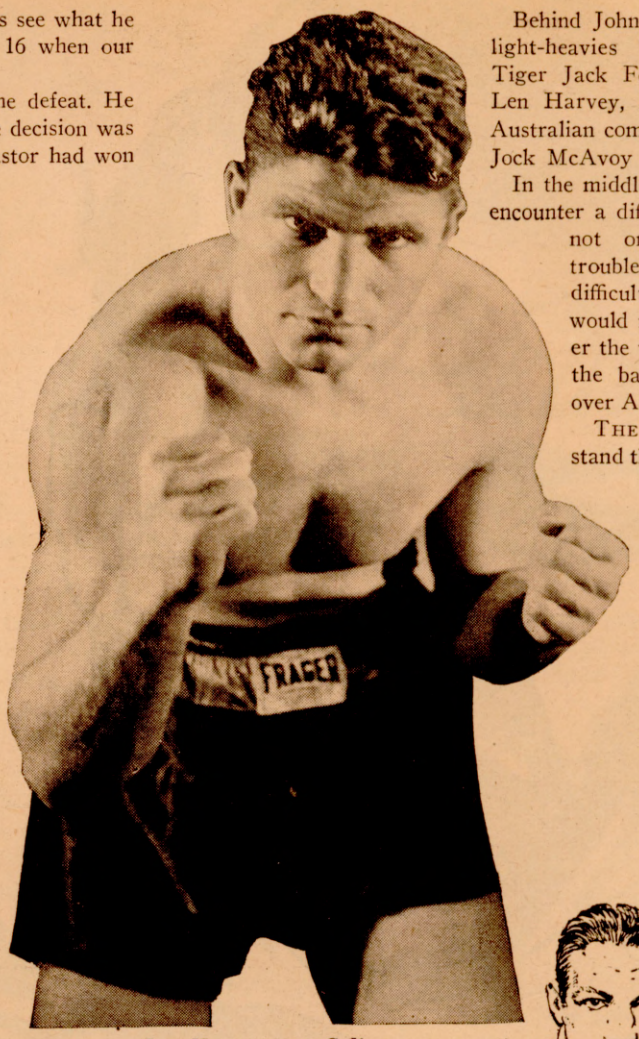
LAST year we rated Henry Armstrong over Ambers among the lightweights, and at the top of the feather group. Now we place Henry No. 1 among the welters and No. 1 among the lightweights. In the featherweight division we rank Leo Rodak No. 1 and Pete Scalzo No. 2.

Armstrong won the feather title and never lost it in the ring. But this past year he gave up the championship in that division, so we erase him from the feather listing. It was for the best interests of the game that Henry should relinquish the featherweight championship.

Armstrong is the only fighter who tops two listings. In the light-heavy class we give the No. 1 spot to John Henry Lewis. When John Henry took that match with Joe Louis it was inferred that he had retired from the light-heavy ranks and put up his title for an elimination tournament. But such is not the truth. He still is in the light-heavy contention.



Lou Nova, young Californian, who rates behind Louis.

Behind John Henry among the light-heavies THE RING ranks Tiger Jack Fox, Melio Bettina, Len Harvey, Ron Richards, the Australian comer, Gus Lesnevich, Jock McAvoy and Al Gainer.

In the middleweight section we encounter a difficult situation, but not one productive of trouble in the rating. The difficulty is for those who would make Solly Krieger the world champion on the basis of his victory over Al Hostak.

THE RING takes the stand that there is no middleweight titleholder and that the best of the class on the basis of achievements for 1938 is Fred Apostoli. He is in Group 1 all by his lonesome.

In Group 2, THE RING places Krieger, Richards, McAvoy and Hostak, with Freddy Steele, knocked out by Hostak, backed from the picture.

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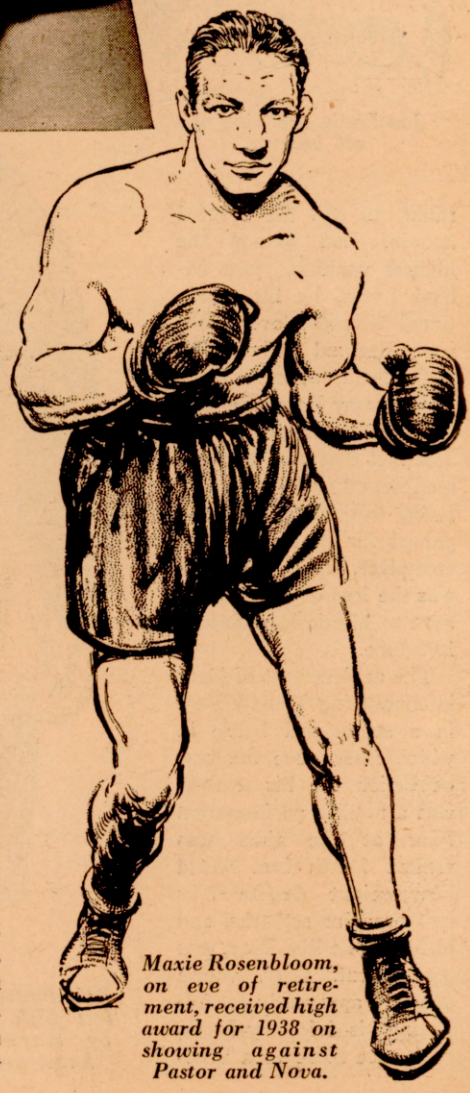
IN the welter division THE RING ranks Armstrong by himself in Group 1—champion of the world, winner impressively in fifteen rounds over Ross.

Behind Henry we locate Garcia, all by his lonesome in Group 2. THE RING only once before ranked a man outside of the top class in a group by himself. That was Jim Braddock, in 1935.

The third section is occupied by



Maxie Rosenbloom, on eve of retirement, received high award for 1938 on showing against Pastor and Nova.

Charley Burley, Fritzie Zivic, Ernie Roderick, Jake Kilrain and Kid Frattini.

Now we come to the lightweights. Armstrong is tops but we do not believe he is entitled to the No. 1 group by himself. We have given him a companion in game Lou Ambers, from whom Henry won the title.

Once past Henry and Lou, we run into a grouping composed of Pedro Montanez, Baby Arizmendi, Davey Day, Sammy Angott, Tommy Cross and Aldo Spoldi. Petey Sarron, once a great feather, now is a group 3 lightweight.

In the featherweight ranking there is no champion. The No. 1 spot is accorded to Leo Rodak, with Pete Scalzo No. 2.

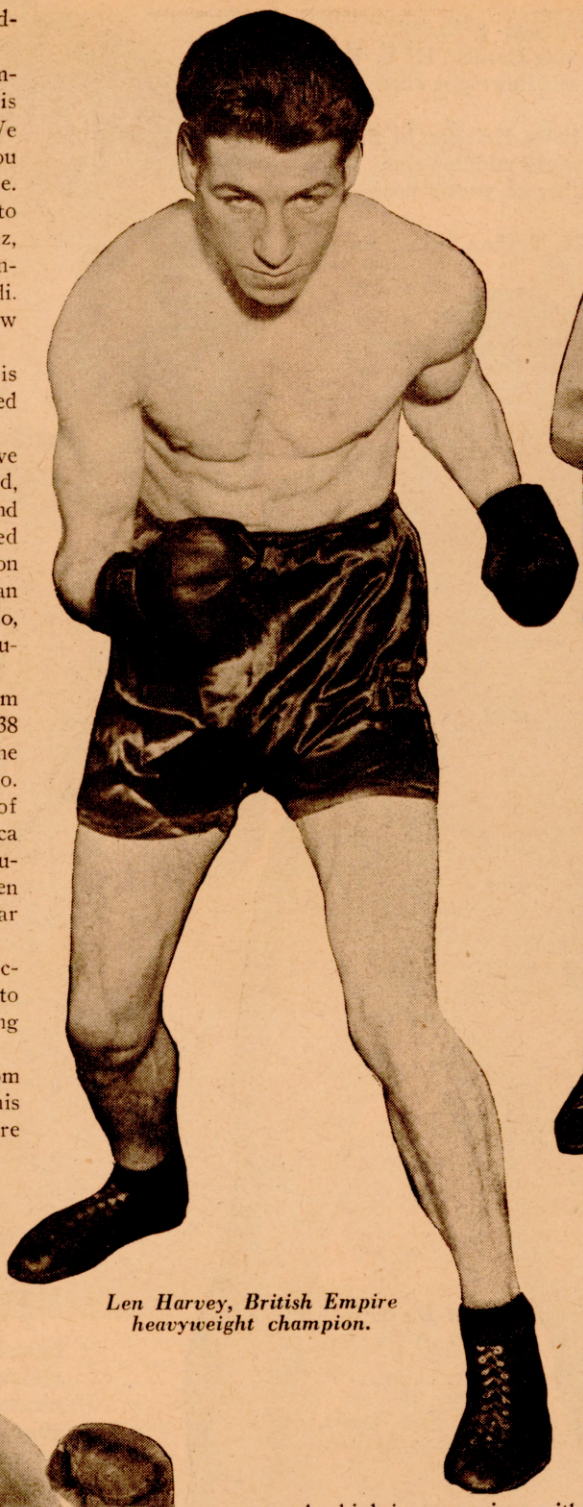
The Group 2 rating follows:—Dave Castilloux, Freddy Miller, Joey Archibald, Johnny Hutchinson, Mike Belloise and Chalky Wright. Those who shouted "champion" in the Archibald situation certainly got red faces when their man was knocked out in two heats by Scalzo, whose handlers finally let Pete toss caution to the winds and cut loose.

The first recognized champion whom THE RING does not rate No. 1 in the 1938 compilation is Sixto Escobar among the bantams. It is our judgment that the No. 1 man in that division is K. O. Morgan of Detroit, with Escobar second, Lou Salica third and Georgie Pace fourth. Unfortunately, Escobar, a great little fighter when in condition, has been ill most of the year and couldn't do justice to himself.

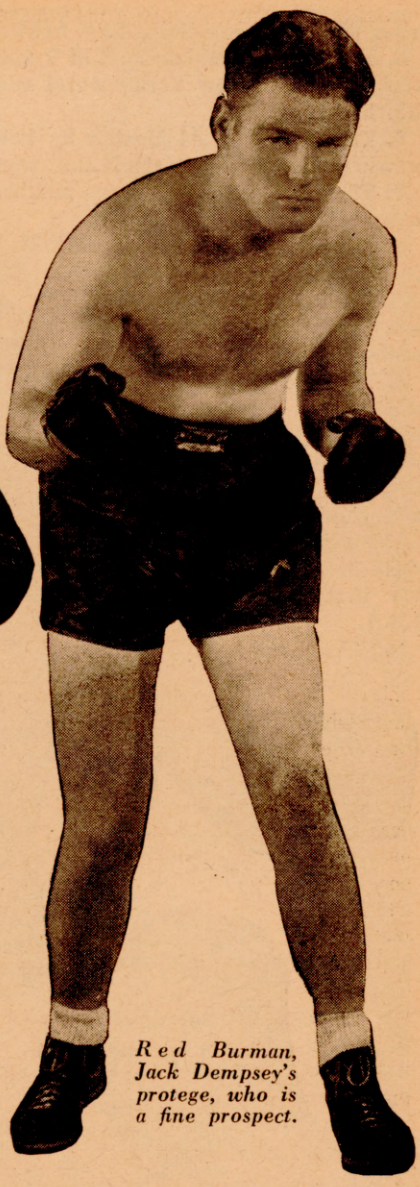
Peter Kane, of England, has the distinction of being the only foreign fighter to dominate a class. He is rated No. 1 among the flyweights.

In fact, we haven't a single fighter from North America in the first section of this class. The men rated behind Kane are Little Dado, Phillipines; Small Montana, Phillipines; and Kid Tanner of the British West Indies.

In the second group we have just one American—Jackie Jurich, of California.



Len Harvey, British Empire heavyweight champion.



Red Burman, Jack Dempsey's protege, who is a fine prospect.

Tiger Warrington, Canada's heavyweight king.

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IT was a big year for the ring sport. The game came splendidly out of the recession and attendance marks jumped sky high in comparison with what we had been having since 1929. The rally was strong not only here but abroad, as well. The best gain was recorded in Chicago.

Here are the few outstanding developments of the year in world boxing:—

1. The Joe Louis knockout triumph over Max Schmeling in the first round. It was a record performance for that division, Louis taking the German in 2 minutes 4 seconds.

2. Henry Armstrong's defeat of Barney Ross and Lou Ambers, making him the first holder of three titles at one time. His triumph over Ceferino Garcia in the first defense of the welterweight crown, added to Hank's prestige.

3. The rise of Lou Nova to the highest post among challengers and the comeback of Max Baer with a thrilling victory over Tommy Farr.

4. Reappearance of the million dollar gate in boxing. The

gross for the Louis-Schmeling fight was $940,096.17.

5. The eight round knockout of Young Corbett III by Fred Apostoli, to win New York's world middleweight championship honors.

6. The defeat of Al Hostak by Solly Krieger in fifteen rounds in Seattle to win the N.B.A. world middleweight title.

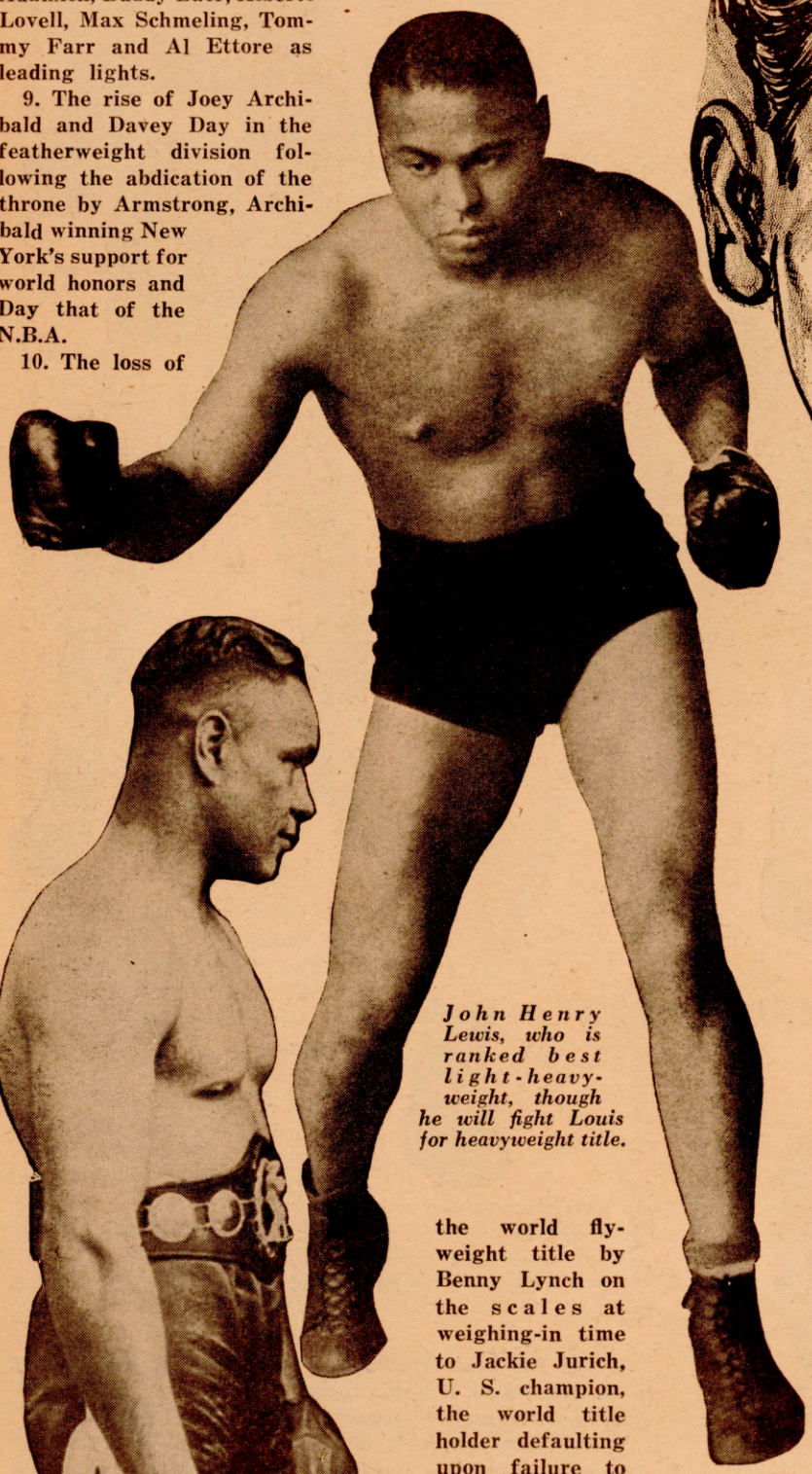
7. The appearance of a large number of young promising heavyweights.

8. The downfall of Gunnar Barlund, Nathan Mann, Jimmy Adamick, Buddy Baer, Alberto Lovell, Max Schmeling, Tommy Farr and Al Ettore as leading lights.

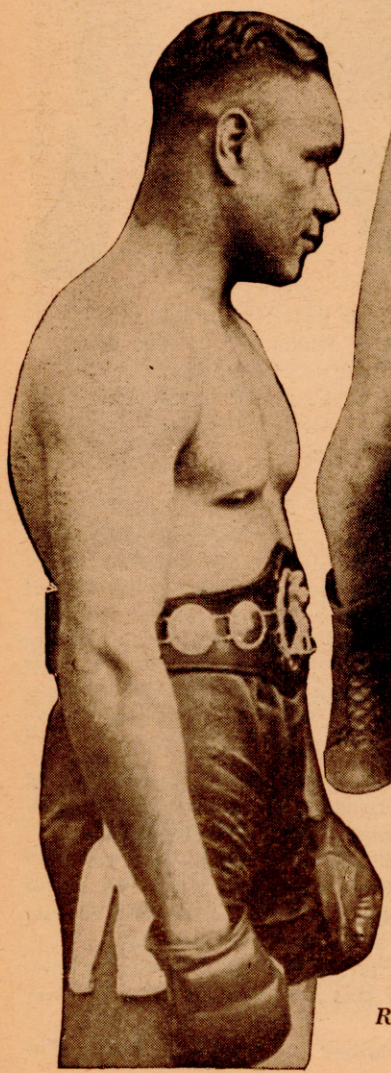
9. The rise of Joey Archibald and Davey Day in the featherweight division following the abdication of the throne by Armstrong, Archibald winning New York's support for world honors and Day that of the N.B.A.

10. The loss of

Gus Lesnevich, conqueror of Ambrose Palmer, is ranked No. 5 among light-heavyweights in second group.



John Henry Lewis, who is ranked best light-heavyweight, though he will fight Louis for heavyweight title.



Ron Richards who beat Lesnevich and kayoed Sabatino.

the world flyweight title by Benny Lynch on the scales at weighing-in time to Jackie Jurich, U. S. champion, the world title holder defaulting upon failure to make the weight. Also, the subsequent knockout of Jurich in that same bout by Lynch and a few weeks later by Peter Kane, the title again changing hands.

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MOVING into the lesser developments of outstanding interest, we may list them as follows:—

1. The knockout of New York's featherweight world champion, Joey Archibald by Pete Scalzo.

2. The progress made by Kid Tanner, flyweight and bantam king of British Guiana, who chalked up 21 victories in 22 starts against the best talent in Europe, thus acquiring the honor of being the outstanding prospect among the little fellows for the year 1939.

3. The appointment of a National Boxing Commissioner in Cuba with complete control over the sport, both amateur and professional, this supervision extending over fight clubs, managers, boxers, trainers and seconds.

4. The defeat of Harry Jeffra in a thrilling engagement with Sixto Escobar in Puerto Rico, the world bantamweight title changing hands.

5. Weird decisions by the New York Commission that muddled several divisions. The Board in 1937 named Freddie Steele world middleweight champion and refused to recognize the Apostoli-Thil fight that same year as a title match. Then, in 1938, it refused recognition to Al Hostak who had scored a one round knockout over New York's own made world title-holder, Steele. When Solly

Krieger beat Hostak it refused recognition to Krieger though he had beaten the man who has knocked out New York's champion. It designated Apostoli the world champion when he stopped Young Corbett III, though Apostoli was denied the right to clinch the title claim previously when the commission insisted on making the Thil-Apostoli battle a non-title affair though fought within the weight limit.

It designated Archibald world featherweight champion, successor to Armstrong, refusing to give any consideration to six worthy, outstanding world featherweights who had a far better claim to a title match than either Archibald or the man whom he whipped, Belloise.

It brought itself into court by vacating the light-heavyweight title of John Henry Lewis for failure to meet its chosen opponent, Tiger Fox, despite the fact that Lewis' period of grace had not expired following his knockout of Ignacio Martinez in a title fight.

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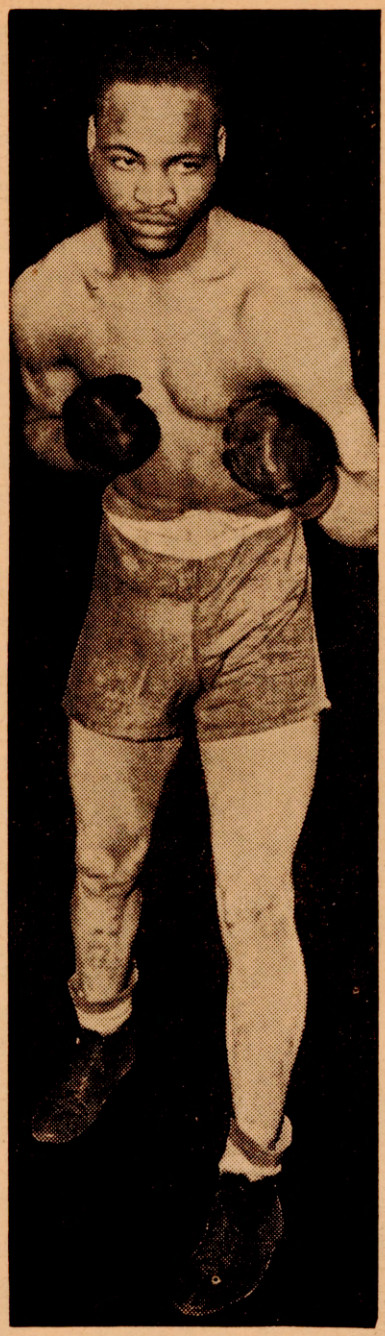
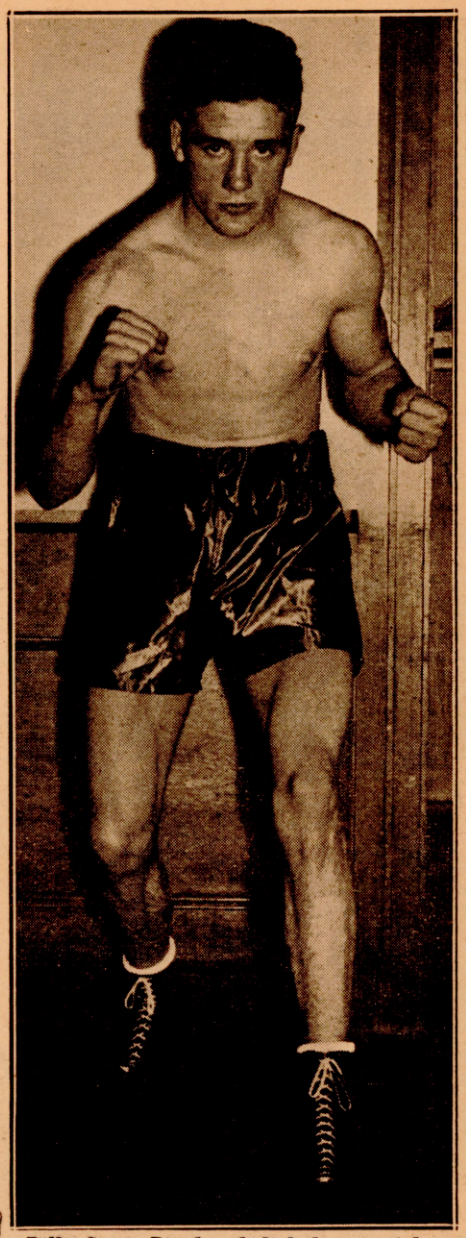
LAST year, Armstrong was the unanimous choice of THE RING'S Board and was the only boxer named by every scribe. This time Hank shares that honor with Louis. The triple champion was chosen for the post of honor in both lightweight and welterweight divisions without a dissenting vote and thus gains the honor of being the only pugilist since the inception of the Ratings in 1925, to achieve such fame. Louis, likewise heads the heavyweight section without a dissenting vote, whereas last year he was hard pressed by Max Schmeling, for whom many votes were cast because he was shelved by Braddock after signing for a championship fight.

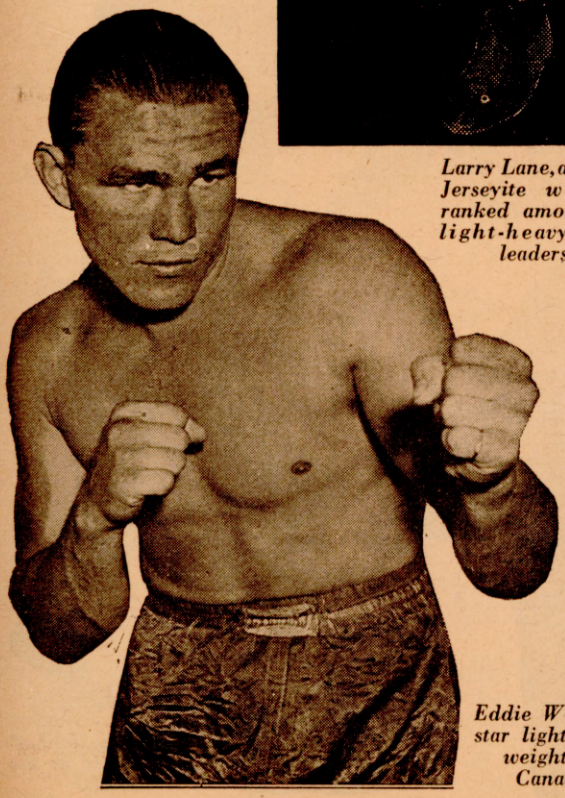
Armstrong gained the additional distinction of being a close runner-up to Joe Louis in the vote for the outstanding fighter of the year. His feat of annexing two championships and defeating his sturdy challenger for



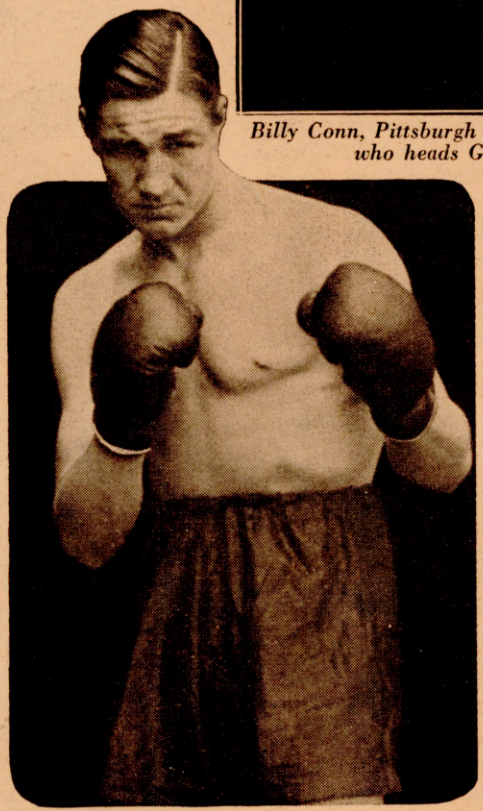
Larry Lane, another Jerseyite who is ranked among the light-heavyweight leaders.



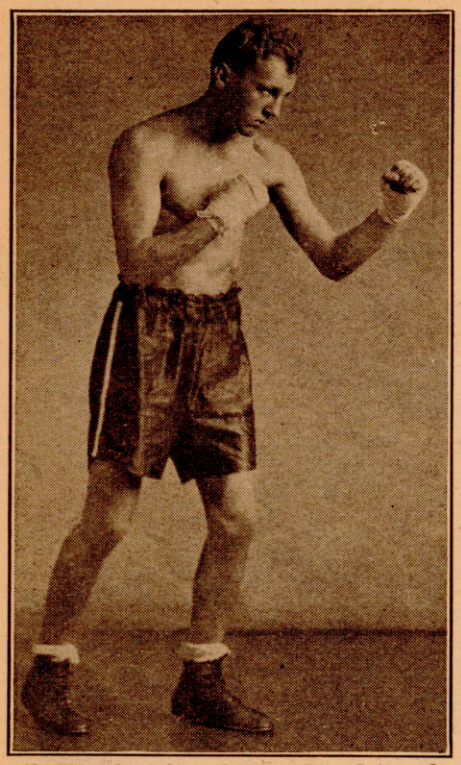
Billy Conn, Pittsburgh light-heavyweight, who heads Group 3.



Eddie Wenstob, star light-heavyweight of Canada.



Ambrose Palmer, who lost high ranking by losing to Gus Lesnevich.



Al Hostak, who, despite his defeat by Krieger, gets fourth position among middleweight contenders.

welter honors, Ceferino Garcia, after spotting him twelve pounds, earned Hank that honor. Louis' choice was not a unanimous one or as big as that accorded Hank last year. He was closely pressed by Armstrong, a margin of only eighteen votes out of 202 cast in our world-wide vote, separating the pair. No other fighters were in the running, only a handful receiving one or more complimentary votes, Max Baer being the leader. He tallied eleven.

For the first time in many years the Board found its task in naming the outstanding heavyweights a simple one because of the lack of talent. The year 1938 was very much similar to those of 1928 and 1929 when, following the retirement of Gene Tunney, there was a scarcity of good heavyweight material, with Jack Sharkey, Max Schmeling and Young Stribling the only ones of note in the field. In 1938, aside from Joe Louis, we find the division one with mediocre fighters who as a whole don't stand out. There is no Johnny Risko, Tom Heeney, Vittorio Campolo, Harry Persson or Ernie Schaaf among them.

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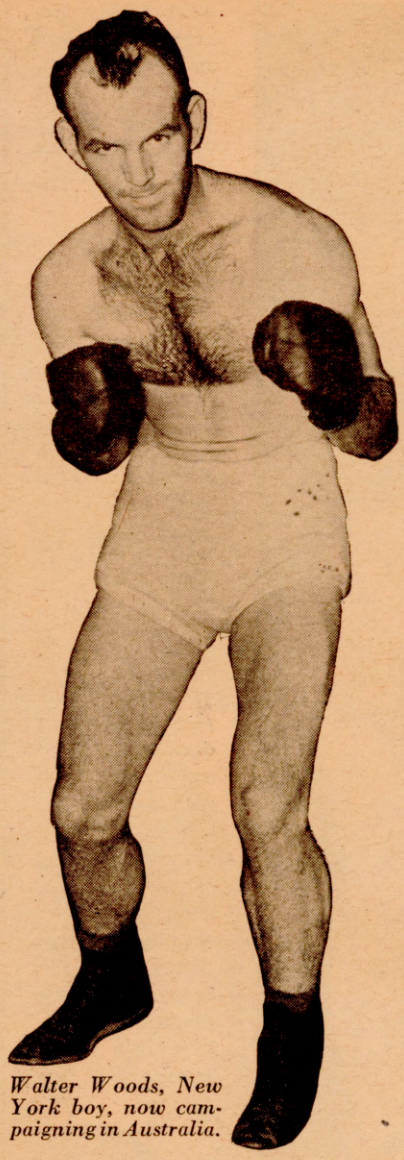
ELIMINATE Joe Louis and you have Nova, Baer, Pastor and Galento, the leaders! Lou Nova, a fine prospect whose merit must await further engagements with better talent than he has yet faced; Gunnar Barlund, an in-and-out fighter who possesses skill but cuts easily and has thus been considerably handicapped; Galento, whose fame has been a manufactured one, with few good performances to his credit; Red Burman, a young man who is going somewhere but has not yet fully developed; Buddy Knox, young Dayton, Ohio, heavyweight who punches hard but still has a long way to go to be considered as a championship contender, and Jack Reddish, conqueror of Roscoe Toles, who eliminated the sensational Jimmy Adamick and beat Barlund—all just ordinary fighters!

With the exception of Max Baer, I cannot see a fighter in the lot named who could have stood off Stribling, Risko or Schaaf, not to name at least six others of the era of ten years ago. Even Tommy Loughran as a light-heavyweight, could have whipped most of the present contenders. That's how poor the crop of heavyweights is today. Not an outstanding fighter in the lot—from Nova down.

Louis, naturally, stands all by himself, miles ahead of his challengers. I cannot foresee his defeat this year by any of the boys rated below him. Perhaps there may arise a sterling youth from out of the wilderness who might develop into a top-flight challenger, but until such a young man is found or developed, the crown of the Brown Bomber will remain secure on his kinky-haired head.

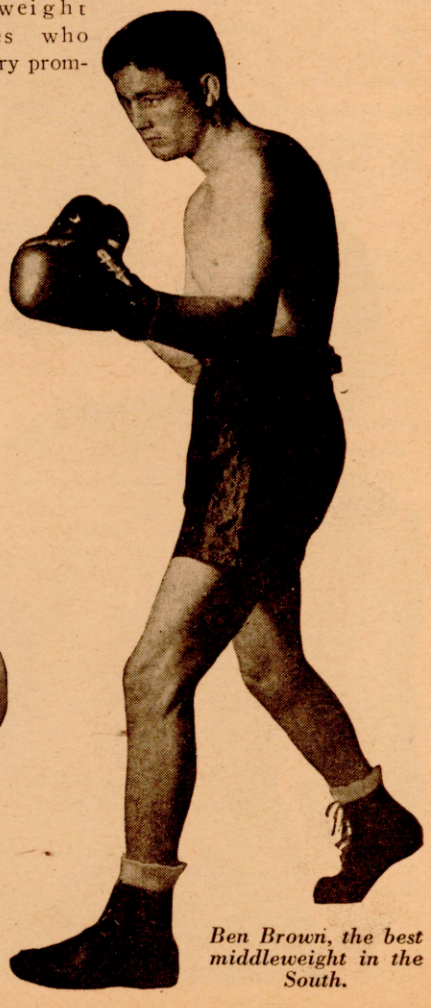
In Group No. 2 are six pugilists, headed by Nova and Baer, whose victories over Farr rated second in thrills and importance only to that of Louis over Max Schmeling. Baer's later knockout of Hank Hankinson in two rounds in Hawaii, gives Max a perfect percentage for the year, but he gets his rating because of the great performance against Farr. He and Farr in that bout did better fighting than any of their rivals during the year except Louis against Schmeling and Nova against Tommy.

In Tony Musto, Al Ryll, Tom Kennelly, Carl Vinciquerra, Pat Comiskey, Bill Poland, Al Paychek, and Len Rowlands, we have eight heavyweight novices who look very promising.



Walter Woods, New York boy, now campaigning in Australia.

Maxie Berger, king of Canadian lightweights.

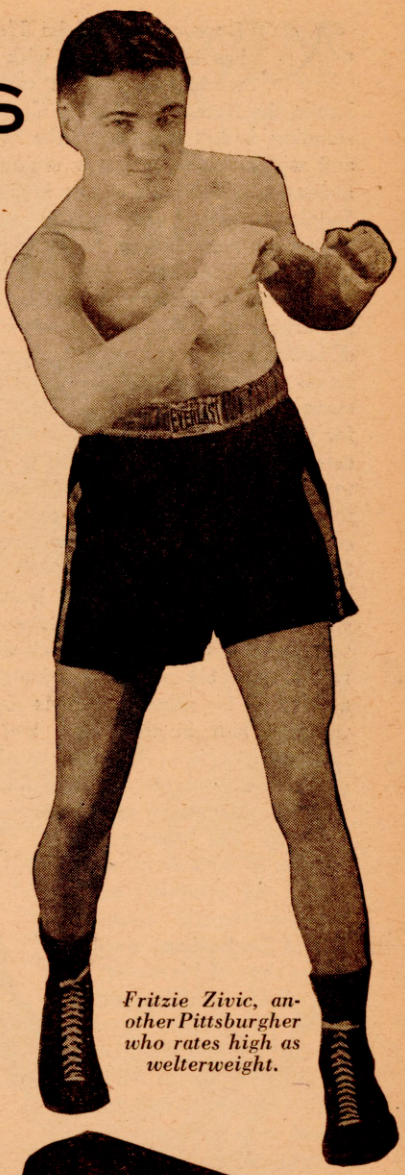


Ben Brown, the best middleweight in the South.

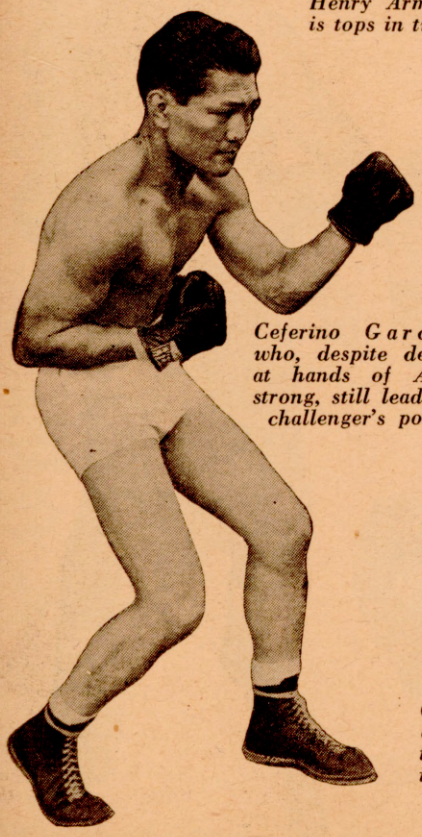
FIVE STARS in the Welter-Weight Group

HENRY ARMSTRONG

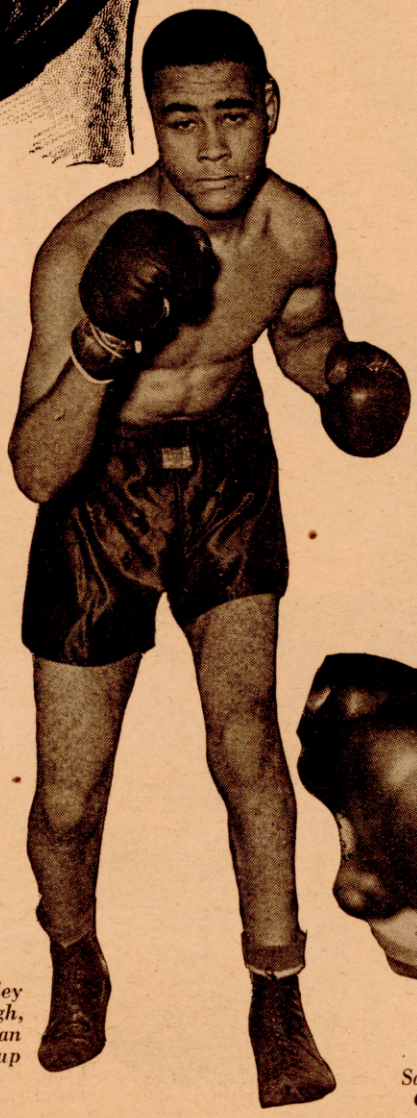
Henry Armstrong, who is tops in two divisions.



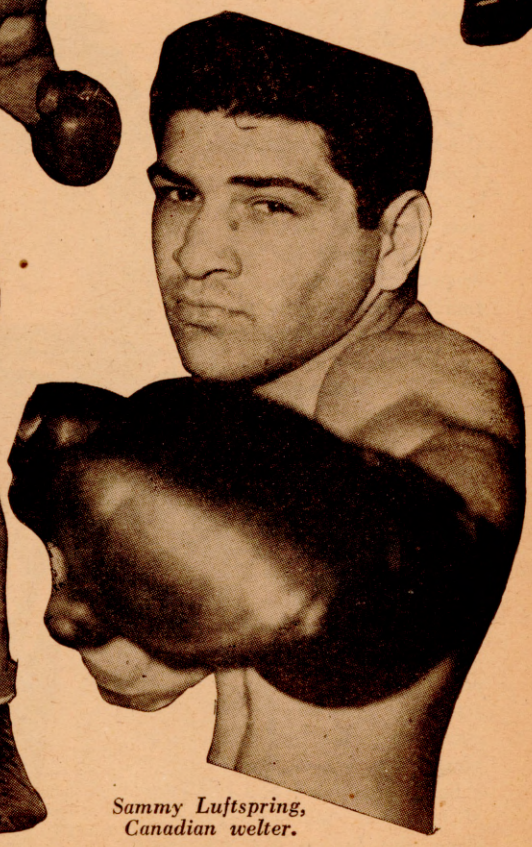
Fritzie Zivic, another Pittsburgher who rates high as welterweight.



Ceferino Garcia, who, despite defeat at hands of Armstrong, still leads in challenger's post.



Charley Burley of Pittsburgh, the No. 2 man in third group of welterweights.



Sammy Luftspring, Canadian welter.

NOW we come to John Henry Lewis who has been matched with Joe Louis in a world heavyweight championship fight. Lewis, the New York Boxing Commission notwithstanding, is still the king of the light-heavyweights and will continue to be so until such time as he abdicates or loses his crown in the ring. Judging by what I saw when he fought Al Gainer in New Haven, he should retire definitely from the light-heavyweight ranks and give others a chance to fight for the crown now that he has considerable difficulty making the weight. Apparently Lewis is protecting his interests in the event he loses to the Brown Bomber and for that reason alone, he refuses to abdicate. Should he be defeated, it is his aim to go to England to fight Len Harvey for the world light-heavyweight crown and a contest like that in England, will be worth $25,000 to Lewis.

He engaged in eleven bouts and emerged with a clean slate. Among his victories was one over Adamick who had rolled up a big string of triumphs. As a result of his showing in both divisions, we rate him in the heavy and light-heavyweight class. As a heavyweight he goes behind Rosenbloom with Len Harvey heading the next group.

Harvey, like Lewis, is a member of both divisions. He is the cruiserweight and heavyweight champion of England and since at the time of his victory over Eddie Phillips, the latter was judged good enough for consideration by Mike Jacobs for a trip to this country to face Joe Louis in a proposed international battle, Harvey's victory must receive proper credit.

Len knocked out Manual Abrew, considered with Tommy Farr, the best heavyweight in Wales and won over Jock McAvoy in fifteen rounds. He had dropped Phillips in the fourth round when Eddie fouled him on rising to lose the bout on a disqualification. There can be no doubt about Harvey's ability. He is as good a heavyweight as we find in this country among those after the first half dozen.

A young heavyweight, Red Burman, protege of Jack Dempsey, follows Harvey. A New Zealander, Maurice Strickland, shunned by the world leaders, gets high ranking. He is an outstanding heavyweight who can't obtain work because his rivals are afraid of a setback.

Schmeling, the No. 1 challenger of last year, takes his place far down the list, a big comedown from the high post he occupied in our ratings for many years.

The biggest jumps in the year's rating were made by Nova, Baer, Pastor and Galento. The comeback of the last three named, indicates the low standard of present day heavyweights. Of the top flight ring warriors of last year, Nathan Mann, No. 4; Alberto Lovell, No. 5 and Jimmy Adamick, No. 8, tumbled out of the select circle.

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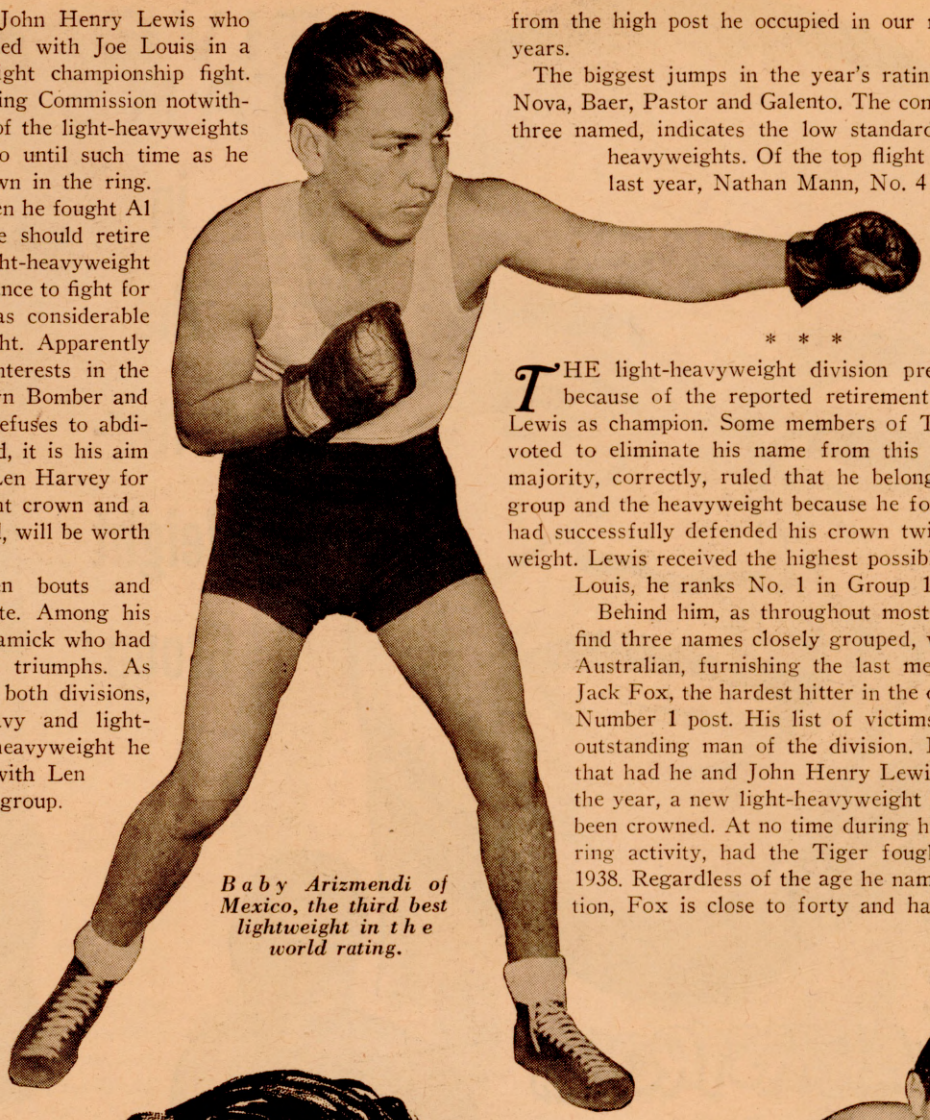
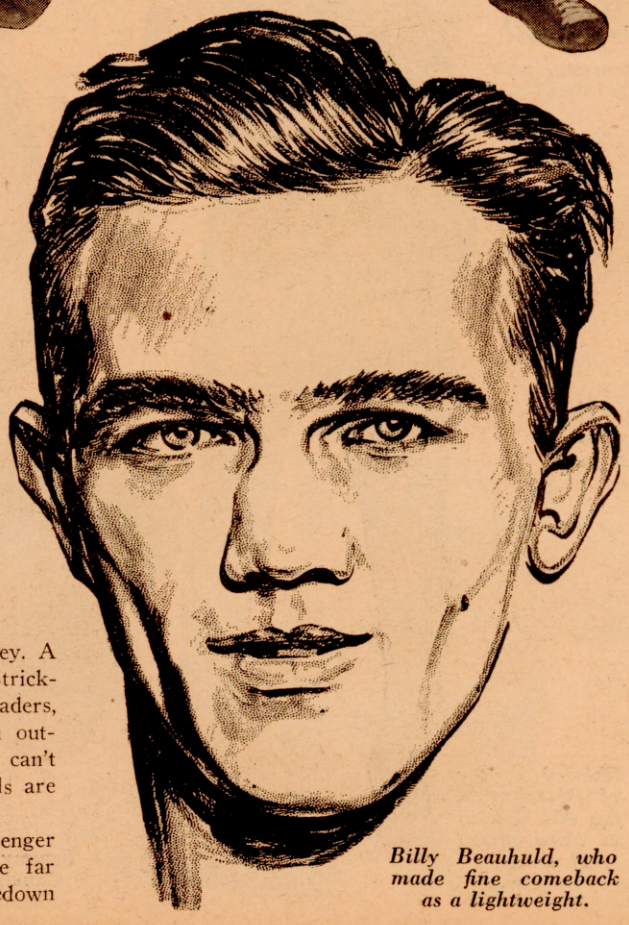
THE light-heavyweight division presents difficulties because of the reported retirement of John Henry Lewis as champion. Some members of THE RING Board voted to eliminate his name from this division but the majority, correctly, ruled that he belonged both in that group and the heavyweight because he fought in both and had successfully defended his crown twice at the lighter weight. Lewis received the highest possible post. Like Joe Louis, he ranks No. 1 in Group 1, all by himself.

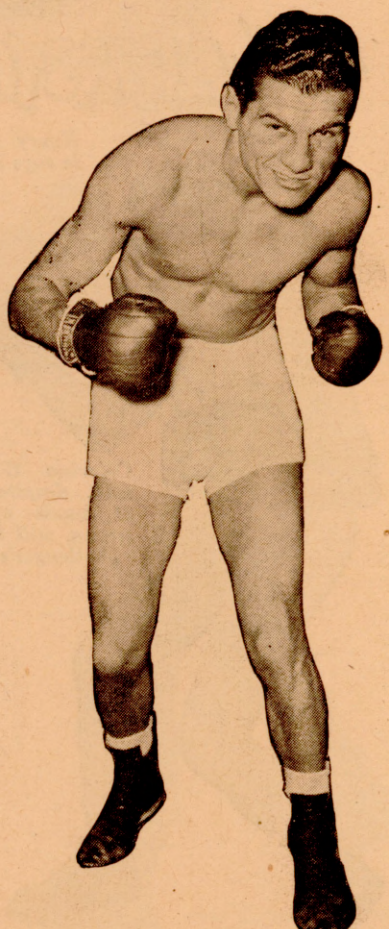
Behind him, as throughout most of the year, we find three names closely grouped, with a fourth, an Australian, furnishing the last member. To Tiger Jack Fox, the hardest hitter in the division, goes the Number 1 post. His list of victims makes him the outstanding man of the division. It is my opinion that had he and John Henry Lewis clashed during the year, a new light-heavyweight king would have been crowned. At no time during his many years of ring activity, had the Tiger fought so well as in 1938. Regardless of the age he names in his application, Fox is close to forty and has been in action



Baby Arizmendi of Mexico, the third best lightweight in the world rating.



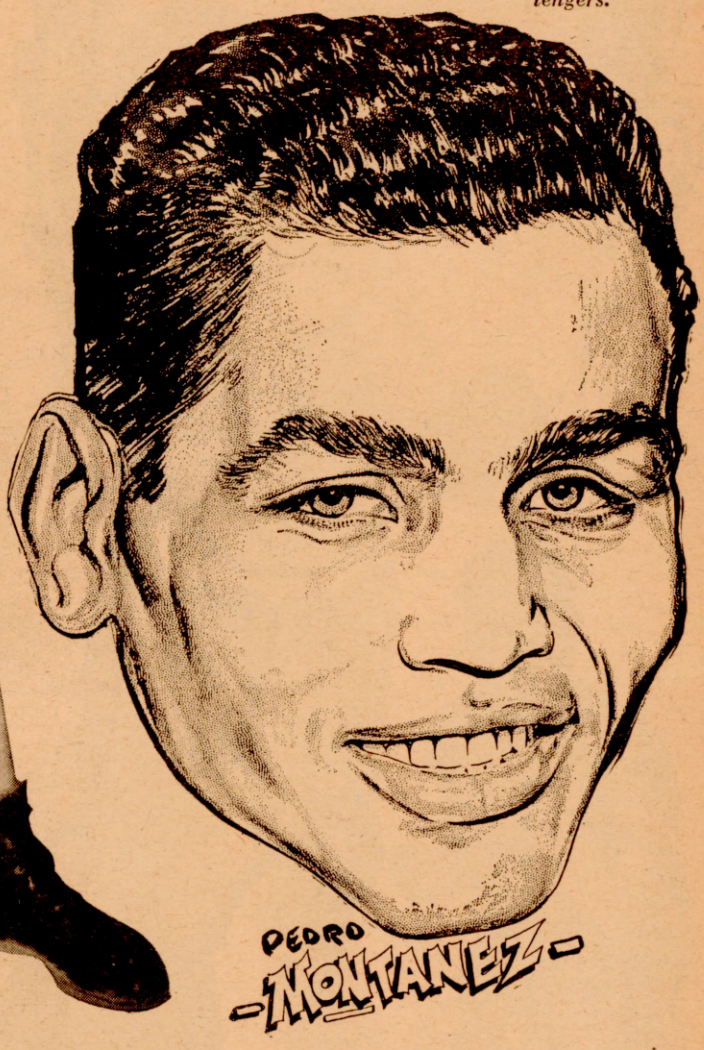
Billy Beauhuld, who made fine comeback as a lightweight.



Aldo Spoldi, Europe's best lightweight.

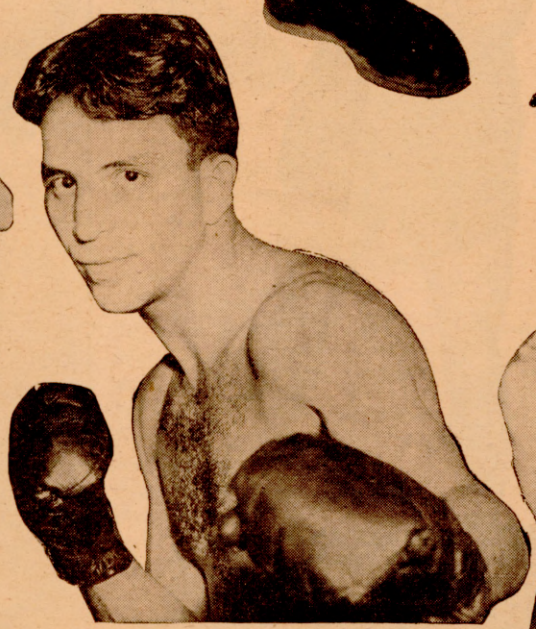
Leading Lightweights

Lou Ambers, the leading challenger for lightweight honors.



Pedro Montanez of Puerto Rico, who again assumes a high place among lightweight challengers.

Jake Kilrain of Scotland, best welter in the British Isles.



Davey Day of Chicago, a high ranking lightweight.

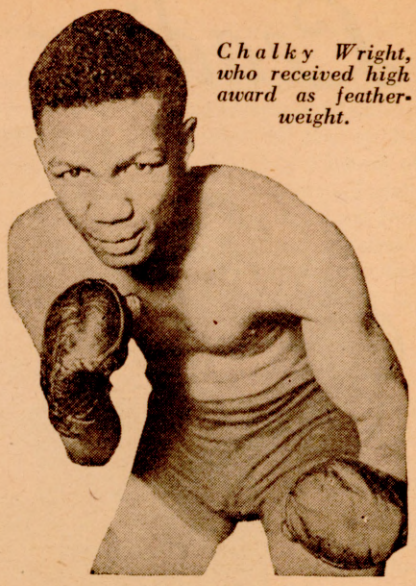
Petey Sarron, the leading Southern lightweight.

Pete Scalzo, second choice among feathers.

for almost twenty years and is still good for several more.

During the year, his record shows victories by the knockout route over eight opponents. He engaged in seventeen bouts and didn't lose one. He fought two draws and beat Al Gainer in an elimination bout. He knocked out the highly-touted Young Herrera in one round.

In his recent fight with Gainer for the right to meet Emilio Bettina, Fox whipped the New Havenite by a knockout. If he beats Bettina this month, he will have earned without the shadow of a doubt, the world light-heavyweight title should John Henry Lewis vacate it, as is expected.



Chalky Wright, who received high award as featherweight.

Second place in Group No. 2 goes to Bettina whose record for the year shows ten bouts and as many victories, six by knockouts, a most impressive record. Most of his battles were against heavyweights. If he beats Fox and Lewis retires, he will be entitled to wear the crown. This is a real elimination.

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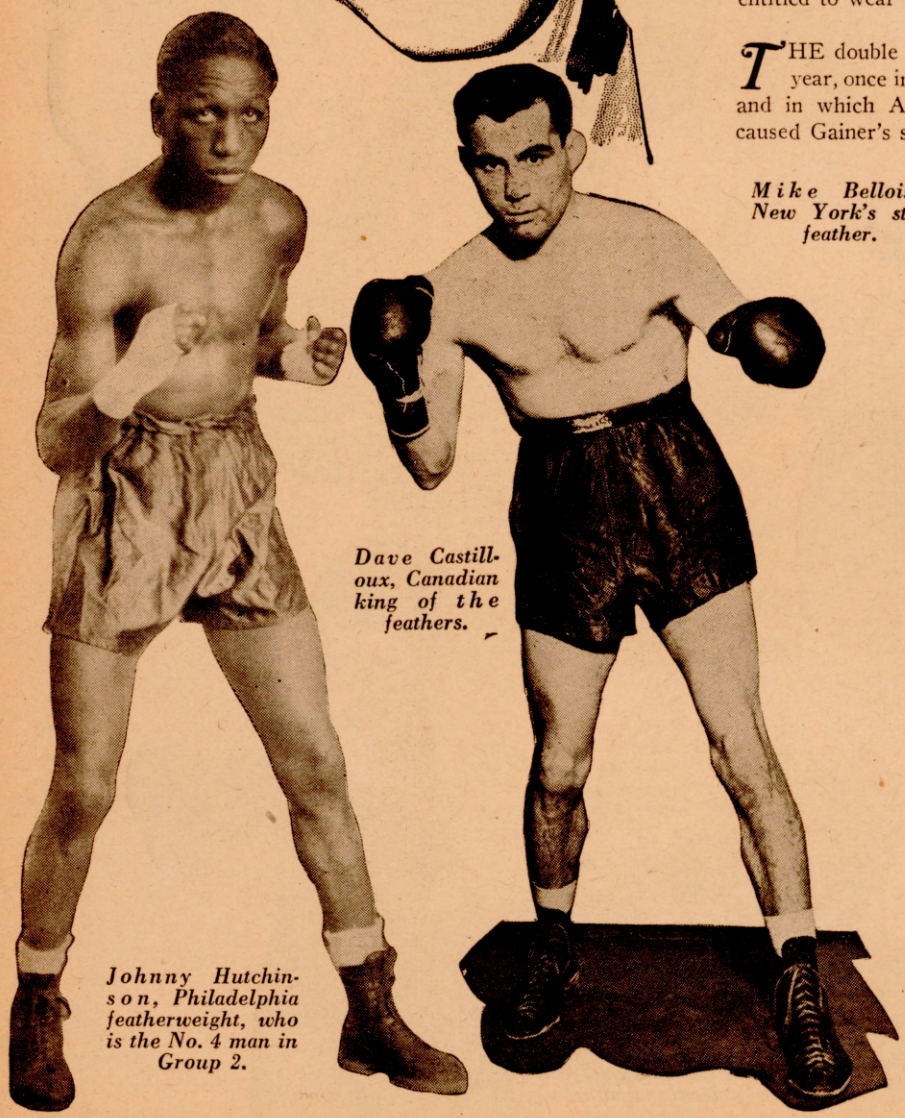
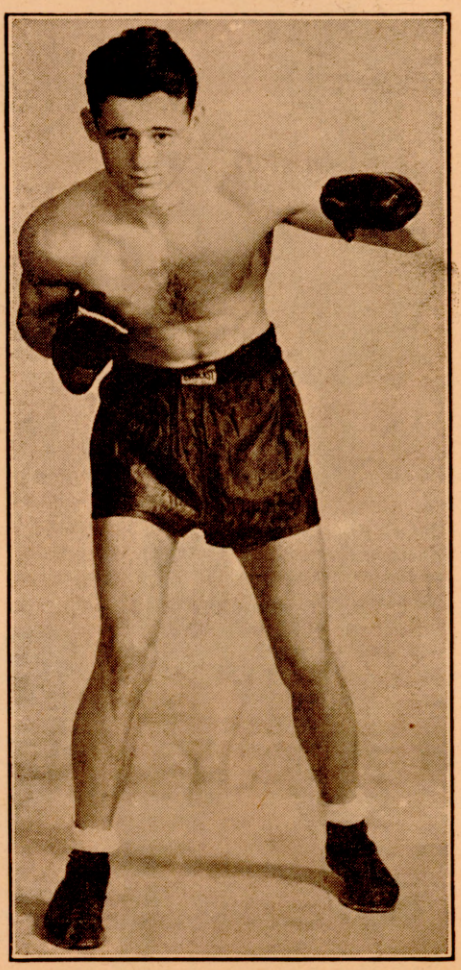
THE double defeat of Gainer in the last two months of the year, once in a title fight with Lewis that went fifteen rounds and in which Al was outclassed, and the other against Fox, caused Gainer's stock to tumble. Len Harvey, British champion,



Dave Castilloux, Canadian king of the feathers.

Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia featherweight, who is the No. 4 man in Group 2.

Mike Belloise, New York's star feather.

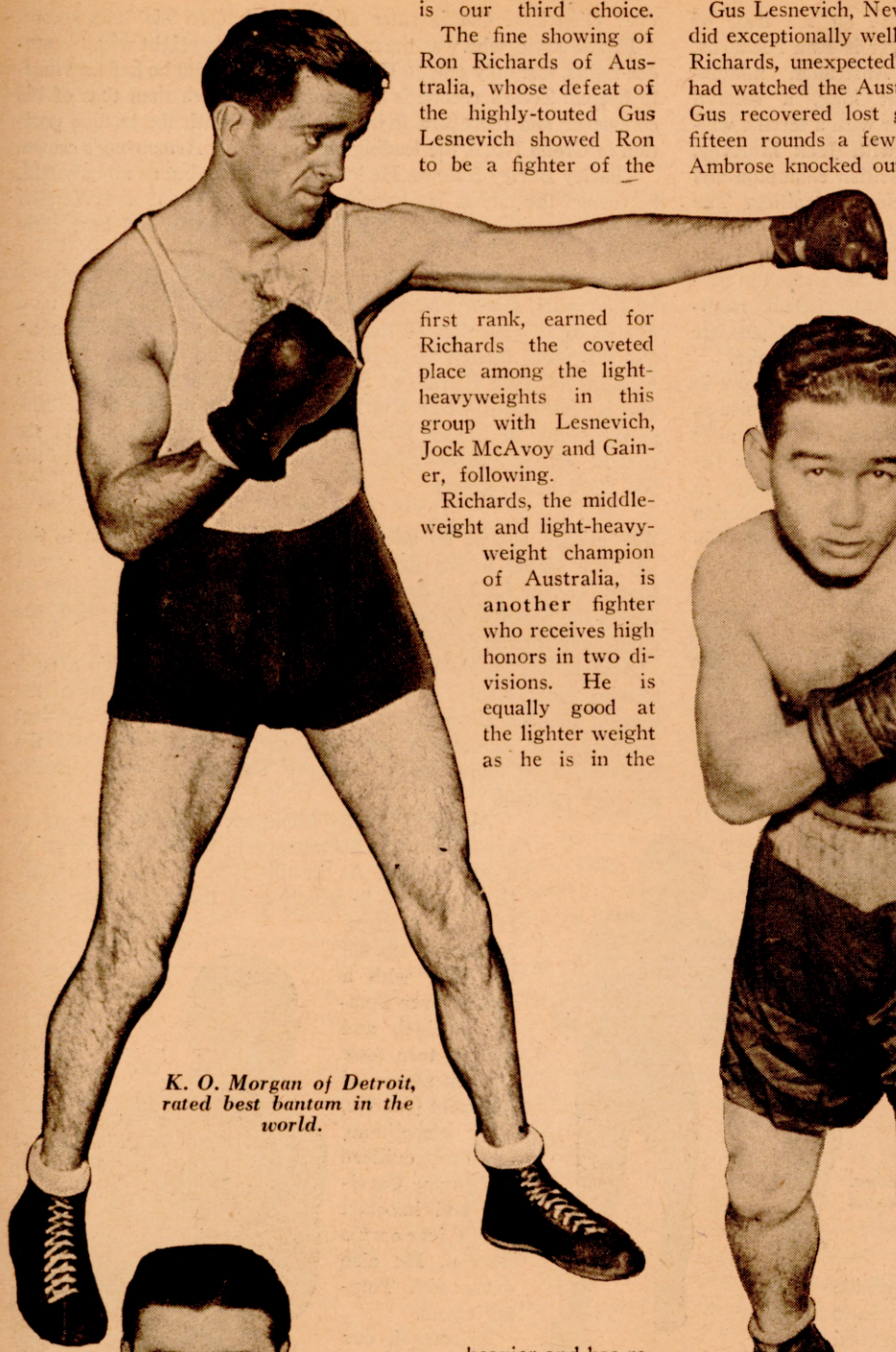


is our third choice.

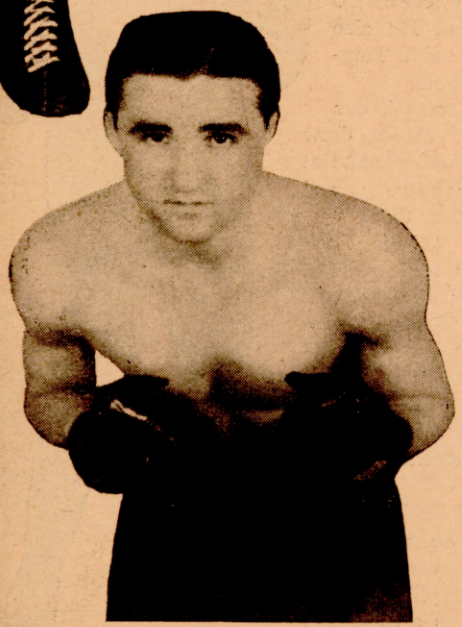
The fine showing of Ron Richards of Australia, whose defeat of the highly-touted Gus Lesnevich showed Ron to be a fighter of the first rank, earned for Richards the coveted place among the light-heavyweights in this group with Lesnevich, Jock McAvoy and Gainer, following.

Richards, the middleweight and light-heavyweight champion of Australia, is another fighter who receives high honors in two divisions. He is equally good at the lighter weight as he is in the heavier and has repeatedly demonstrated his ability to fight in either class.

His record for the year shows a dozen bouts with many knockouts. He was stopped by Ambrose Palmer and lost to Atilio Sabatino early in the year but made up the ground by impressive victories later, especially when he beat Gus Lesnevich and knocked out Sabatino.



K. O. Morgan of Detroit, rated best bantam in the world.



Lou Salica, who rates behind Escobar in bantam class.

Gus Lesnevich, New Jersey's offering for championship laurels, did exceptionally well during the year. His defeat at the hands of Richards, unexpected in this country, was foretold by those who had watched the Australian colored boy in contests Down Under. Gus recovered lost ground when he beat Ambrose Palmer in fifteen rounds a few weeks after losing in fifteen to Richards. Ambrose knocked out Richards last April in 13 rounds.

There was no fluke in Richards' victory. According to Eddie Borden of The Ring staff who accompanied Lesnevich to Australia, Richards is the goods and in a fight with John Henry Lewis would probably have emerged the winner and title-holder. He is everything the scribes from Australia have said of him. They even call him a second Les Darcy—that's how good they think he is.

Jock McAvoy, who was our fourth choice last year, lands in sixth place because of inactivity.

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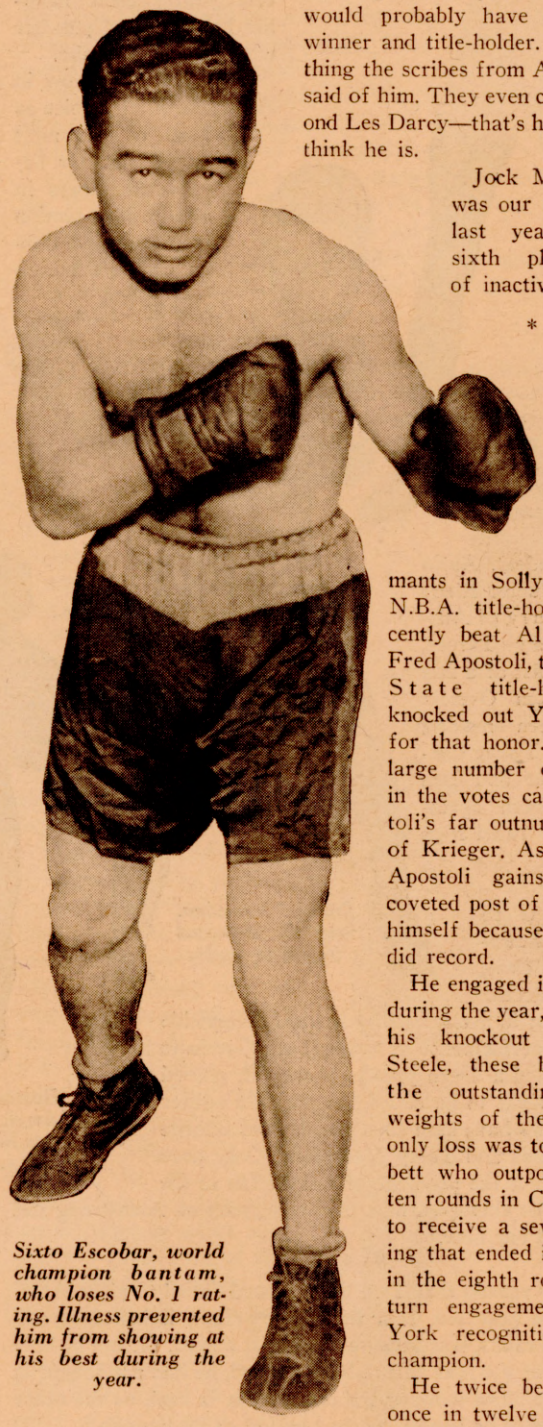
The middleweight rank, minus a champion according to The Ring's Board, finds two claimants in Solly Krieger, the N.B.A. title-holder who recently beat Al Hostak and Fred Apostoli, the New York State title-holder who knocked out Young Corbett for that honor. Each had a large number of supporters in the votes cast, but Apostoli's far outnumbered those of Krieger. As already told Apostoli gains the highly coveted post of leader, all by himself because of his splendid record.

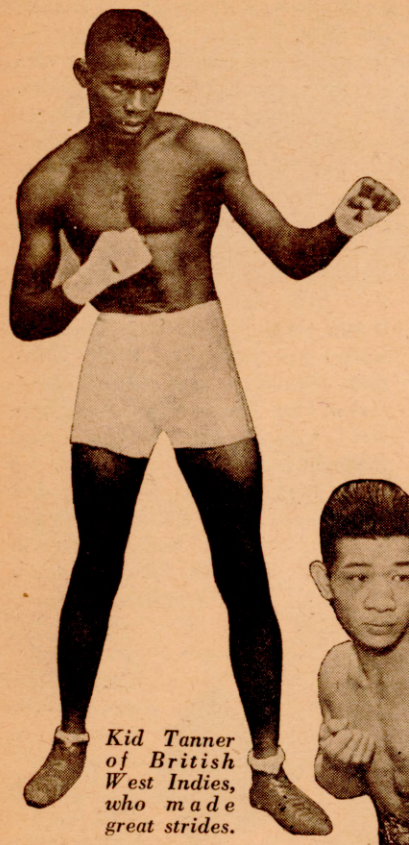
He engaged in seven fights during the year, starting with his knockout of Freddie Steele, these being against the outstanding middleweights of the world. His only loss was to Young Corbett who outpointed him in ten rounds in California only to receive a severe shellacking that ended in a knockout in the eighth round in a return engagement for New York recognition as world champion.

He twice beat Glen Lee, once in twelve and again in fifteen rounds. Although the 1937 records are not considered in this year's rating, it is worthy of notice that last year Apostoli beat Krieger in ten rounds and knocked him out later in five.

Krieger engaged in fourteen bouts during 1938 of which he lost to Glen Lee, Freddie Steele and Billy Conn, one each. His best triumphs were over the N.B.A. champion, Hostak in fifteen rounds and the knockout of Izzy Jannazzo in eleven.



Sixto Escobar, world champion bantam, who loses No. 1 rating. Illness prevented him from showing at his best during the year.



Kid Tanner of British West Indies, who made great strides.

Close on the trail of Krieger is Ron Richards, the Australian middleweight king, a colored battler with a terrific wallop, with Jock McAvoy, the British champion and Al Hostak trailing. The group consists of the hardest middleweight hitters we have rated in several years, each member being a good puncher who can give and take.

Walter Woods, now in Australia, is our choice as head of the next group, not far behind the others in ability. That section includes a half dozen or more names of excellent talent, Atilio Sabatino of Puerto Rico; Fred Henneberry of Australia; Teddy Yarosz, now in the midst of a fine comeback; Ken Overlin who has been making great strides; Young Corbett, Glen Lee and Ben Brown, Southern champion, are also rated high for the year.

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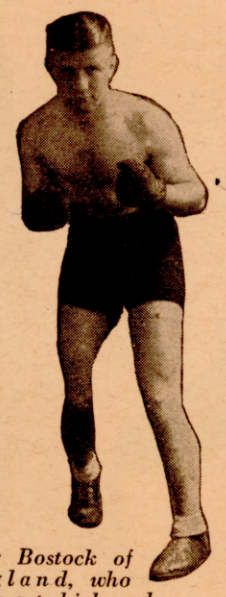
Small Montana, recently defeated by Little Dado.



Tiny Bostock of England, who again gets high ranking.

COMING to the welterweight class, we find Armstrong topping the list in a class all by himself. Homicide Hank's great performance in setting back Garcia to whom he alloted a dozen pounds in weight, proved Armstrong's right to be called the greatest fighter the little fellows have seen since the days of George Dixon, Joe Gans and Terry McGovern. Only once in a lifetime is it the privilege of a fight fan to see a lad win three championships in a row, such as Armstrong did and hold all at one time.

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THE only reason that The Ring Board failed to place Armstrong in post No. 1 in the welterweight, lightweight and featherweight ranks, was because in the last named, though he held the title most of the year before he abdicated, he had not fought in that class once since winning the crown. But in each of the other divisions, he rates by himself as the king of all his domain.

To Garcia, who came along at a whirlwind pace in the last few rounds of their championship battle with Hank, but too late to turn the tide, goes the honor of occupying alone, the contender's group though he intends to fight as a middleweight from now on. His fight against Armstrong was the highlight of his year's performances. He fought ten times and suffered only that one setback. He had the best knockout percentage of the year with eight to his credit. Early in May he gained a decision in ten rounds over Glen Lee. Garcia rates all by himself on his 1938 record.

Fritzie Zivic, who was the most active welterweight with twenty-one fights, lost only one, to Charley Burley, whom he had previously beaten. Zivic's record is far more impressive than that of his conqueror and therefore Fritzie is honored with the leading position in Group No. 3, the leading challenger for Armstrong's crown.

Charley Burley follows. He lost only to Zivic but as already told, he turned the tables. He knocked out Leon Zorrita and Werther Arcelli, won from Cocoa Kid in fifteen rounds and beat Billy Soose in ten.

Those who are not acquainted with the record of Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, might question his high standing. Ernie rolled up a fine string of victories. At this writing he has yet to suffer defeat for the year, though he met the best welters abroad. Another foreign lad, Jake Kilrain of Scotland, runs him a close race. He also is undefeated. Mike Kid Frattini, Italian, despite his setback at the hands of Sonny Jones, who recently stopped him in six rounds, lost only three fights out of sixteen and is entitled to the last place in the group.

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THERE can be no question about Armstrong's right to the top rating in the lightweight class, but The Ring Board found the vote for Lou Ambers as leading contender so big, that he shares the honor in Group No. 1. He is listed in second place, the challenger for the crown.

Ambers lost his lightweight title to Armstrong, but only after a stirring performance. Lou had many supporters who figured the margin was too close to deprive him of his laurels, but the fact remains that Armstrong beat him and correctly received the decision. That alone counts. Ambers' showing, however, merits his high ranking.

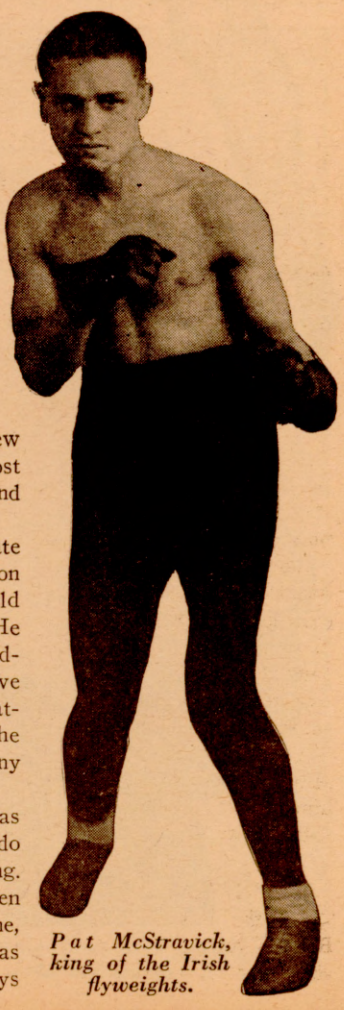
Although Pedro Montanez failed to live up to expectations in his comeback, he still rates high as a lightweight. As in the 1938 rankings, he tops, Group No. 2, in which class there are four other lightweights. Montanez started the year with a victory over Tommy Speigel, and then in turn took the measure of Norment Quarles, Ray Napolitano, Orville Drouillard and Jimmy Garrison and knocked out Vincenzo Servini. He also drew with Tommy Cross.

Arizmendi, our second choice, drew with Ambers and lost to Armstrong and won four times.

Davey Day, the Illinois State champion retains the same position in this year's ratings that he held last. He goes behind Arizmendi. He and the Mexican had a neck-and-neck tussle for their respective positions, only two points separating the pair. Davey's record for the year shows eight bouts with as many victories.

Sammy Angott of Louisville was awarded fourth place with Aldo Spoldi and Tommy Cross following.

The choice for fifth place between Cross and Spoldi was a close one, with Spoldi favored because he was undefeated. He fought the best boys



Pat McStravick, king of the Irish flyweights.

in Europe and wound up the year by winning the European lightweight title from Carl Andersen of Copenhagen in 12 rounds. Cross was knocked out by Quarles and lost to Ambers, besides drawing with Montanez and Eddie Cool.

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AS I remarked in discussing the welterweight division, the fact that Armstrong vacated his featherweight title and failed to engage in a single bout in that section during the year, removes him from consideration in the choice of the featherweights. Thus, with Henry out, the featherweight section like the middleweight, finds a pair of gladiators holding the reins on equal terms as the leading challengers for the crown.

Despite the unwarranted ruling of the New York State Commission granting the crown to Archibald to the exclusion of others more deserving, there is no champion among the feathers. Neither Archibald nor Leo Rodak holds the crown.

THE RING Editor's decision in this matter has been upheld by a jury of world boxing critics, who in their vote accorded Rodak the recognition he deserved after his fifteen rounds decision over Freddie Miller. The majority ruling of this board holds to our contention that the title is vacant just as does the Board's ruling in the middleweight rank.

Archibald, who gained New York recognition through his defeat of Mike Belloise in fifteen rounds at the St. Nicholas Club, certainly got a setback from Scalzo, who gets the challenging post with Leo to fight it out for the crown.

Dave Castilloux of Montreal, who put Andre Dupre of Canada out of the featherweight running via the knockout route with only two seconds of the final round to go, takes first place in the second group with Freddie Miller the runner-up.

Unfortunately, Dave is just a little too heavy to be able to fight for the championship and a wee bit too light to enter into active competition as a lightweight. His best fighting weight is 128 to 130 pounds. His record for the year, however, is an excellent one. He had twelve bouts and didn't suffer a defeat. He beat Ginger Foran, England's champion, among others.

Behind Castilloux comes Freddie Miller, and then the New York world champion, Archibald with Johnny Hutchinson of Philadelphia and Mike Belloise close up. Chalky Wright is last in the group.

Entering the bantamweight division, we find a champion rated lower than a contender. Unfortunately, since winning the title from Harry Jeffra down in Puerto Rico last February, Sixto Escobar, the champion, has been afflicted with various ailments that have affected his fighting. He started the year with a defeat at the hands of Nat Litfin at the New York Hippodrome, then followed a long lay off due to illness and following his recovery, he was beaten in overweight matches by Kayo Morgan, Henry Hook and Nat Litfin.

Escobar is a great fighter and undoubtedly couldn't do justice to himself because of his illness. Perhaps he'll show his true form when he defends his title, the kind that thrilled a packed arena in San Juan the night he won the crown from Jeffra, but based on his performances for this year, THE RING Board finds that K. O. Morgan heads Sixto in the year's ratings. Escobar is the only champion to lose the high ranking position.

The division has two other splendid little fighters grouped with Morgan and the champion. Lou Salica who won the bantam crown then lost it to Escobar, for the fifth consecutive year finds himself close to the top in our ranking. He is one of the few pugilists since the start of our ratings, to receive close to the highest honors five years in a row. On his showing for the year, Salica is entitled to another shot at the crown and should soon get it.

The last member of the group is Georgie Pace, a great little scrapper who nosed out Henry Hook for the honor post by beating him recently in ten rounds. George also scored a knockout over Litfin in two.

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AND now for the ring's game-cocks, the flyweights. Until the loss of his crown through failure to make weight, Benny Lynch, like Jimmy Wilde of a past era, stood head and heels above his rivals. But Benny, like many of the old time ringmen who liked their grog, found that he couldn't work the candle on both ends and soon faded out of the picture.

Entering the higher division, he was knocked out by Aurel Toma and following that debacle, he entered a sanatorium, his fighting days at an end.

With the title vacated, England found itself once again without a world champion, but not for long. The crown to which Jackie Jurich, American champion, had fallen heir, didn't rest on his head for more than a month. Jackie, knocked out by Johnny King, lost the title and placed England's premier little fighter on the throne on which Lynch had sat for many months.

In our world selection, Kane was named above the clever little Filipino, Little Dado by only seven votes, and as a result of the close race, Dado is placed behind King in Group No. 1, as the world's leading challenger.

Small Montana's fine work for the year entitles him to a title shot despite his recent loss to Dado in a thrilling battle in California. Montana is one of the world's outstanding little ringmen.

Following the Filipino as last in the group is a colored boy from the West Indies, Kid Tanner. The Kid has been a sensation in Europe. He scored 21 victories in a row in England before losing his first fight as a result of a wrist injury. Jackie Jurich and Olin Loy, both of California, are the only boys of this continent among the first thirty ranked.

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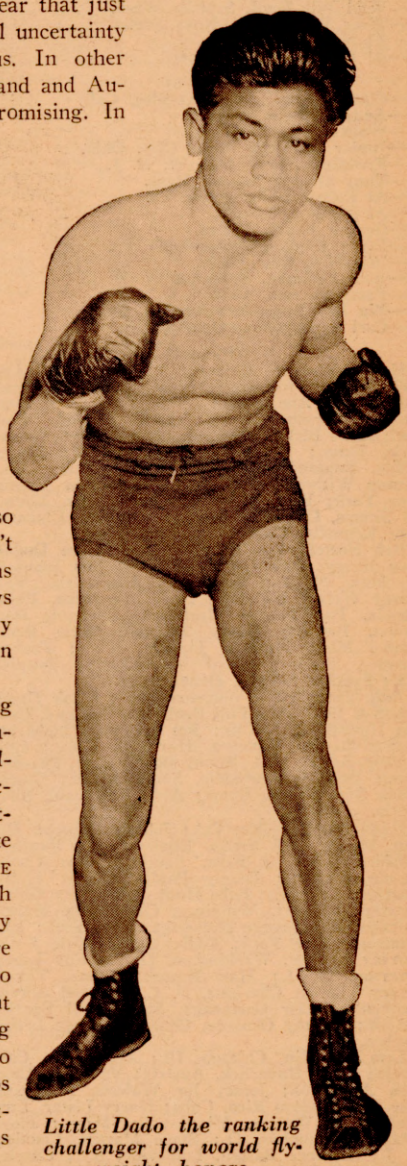
AND now that our ratings discussion is completed, let's take a peep into the future. What is in store for our own boys and what is the outlook for world boxing? As for the American lads, I think they can look for better things in 1939 than the year that just closed despite the financial uncertainty that still hovers over us. In other countries, except in England and Australia, it is not very promising. In Chicago, for example, during the month of December, nineteen more shows were staged than at any time during the year and at most of the affairs, the fights were witnessed by splendid turnouts.

What happened in Chicago, is taking place throughout America. Our people are always ready to support shows with good talent and so long as the promoters don't become hoggish, the fans will see that their shows are successful. The country is full of good talent. I can testify to that.

With the fine young huskies who are performing through the sticks, rolling up a long string of victories, the heavyweight situation is beginning to take on a new lease of life. THE RING'S tournaments which have been staged in many parts of the country, have helped considerably to bring out young, new talent and I hope that the big shots of boxing, those who control our leading clubs and most of our best fighters, will do their share as has THE RING.



Little Dado the ranking challenger for world flyweight honors.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1938

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Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.
(World Champion)

(Group 2)

1—Lou Nova, Alameda, Cal.
2—Max Baer, Livermore, Cal.
3—Bob Pastor, New York.
4—Tony Galento, Orange, N. J.
5—Maxie Rosenbloom, New York.
6—John Henry Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz.

(Group 3)

1—Tommy Farr, Wales.
2—Red Burman, Baltimore, Md.
3—Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
4—Max Schmeling, Germany.
5—Len Harvey, England.
6—Maurice Strickland, South Africa.
7—Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Gunnar Barlund, Finland.

(Group 4)

1—Alberto Lovell, Argentine.
2—Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio.
3—Willie Reddish, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—Eddie Phillips, England.
5—Nathan Mann, New Haven.

(Group 5)

1—Larry Gains, Canada.
2—Jack Roper, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Buddy Baer, Livermore, Cal.
4—Jimmy Adamick, Detroit.
5—Eddie Blunt, Astoria, L. I.
6—Hans Lazek, Austria.
7—Wild Bill Boyd, Seattle, Wash.
8—Tiger Warrington, Nova Scotia.
9—Al McCoy, Canada.
10—Al Paychek, Des Moines.

(Group 6)

1—Chuck Crowell, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—Andre Lenglet, France.
3—Walter Neusel, Germany.
4—Junior Munsell, Ponca City, Okla.
5—Freddie Fiducia, Newark, N. J.
6—Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.
7—Al Ettore, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Al Delaney, Canada.
9—George James, Wales.
10—Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Bob Olin, New York.
12—Abie Feldman, Syracuse, N. Y.
13—Patsy Perroni, Canton, O.
14—Big Boy Bray, Los Angeles, Cal.
15—Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha, Neb.

(Group 7)

Henry Wacker, Chicago, Ill.; Arturo Godoy, Chile; Jorge Brescia, Argentina; Bill Poland, New York; Abe Simon, New York; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Jack London, England; Hans Birkie, Oakland, Cal.; Al Ryll, Southwick, Mass.; Len Rowlands, England; Jimmy Wilde, England; Otis Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.; Johnny Withers, Pontiac, Mich.; Yustin Sirutis, New York; Frank Androff, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ed Simms, Cleveland, O.; Tony Musto, Chicago; Tom Kennelly, Chicago.

Bob Nestell, Los Angeles, Cal.; Steve Dudas, New Jersey; Italo Colonello, Italy; Jarl Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bob Tow, Alexandria, Va.; Harry Weber, Esthonia; Nick Fiorentino, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Markwick, England; Dom Lydon, Ireland; Harry Thomas, Eagle Bend, Mich.; Moon Mullins, Jackson, Miss.; Francis Jacques, France; Lloyd Montgomery, Bauxite, Ala.; Frankie Edgren, Denver, Col.

Jack Trammell, Youngstown, O.; Nash Garrison, San Jose, Cal.; Phil Brubaker, Oakland, Cal.; Jim Howell, L. I. City; Jim McVey, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Unknown Winston, Hartford, Conn.; Obie Walker, Atlanta, Ga.; Sonny Boy Walker, Phoenix, Ariz.; Don McCorkindale, South Africa; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Alva McDonald, Nova Scotia.

Hank Bath, Pueblo, Col.; Johnny Erjavec, Duluth, Minn.; Jack Smith, England; Lee Ramage, California; Jimmy Britt, South Africa; Oliver Shanks, Canada; Danny Paul, Canada; Emilio Martinez, Colorado; Babe Hunt, Ponca City, Okla.; Charley Belanger, Winnipeg, Can.; Max Marek, Chicago, Ill.; George Nicholson, New York; Phil Sommese, New York; Eddie Mader, New York; Murray Kanner, Washington, D. C.; Roy Lazer, Paterson, N. J.; Max Roesch, Dallas, Texas; Dewey Kimrey, Charlotte, N. C.; Manuel Abrew, Scotland; Isador Gastanaga, Spain; Bill Sparks, Canada; Tommy Osborne, Canada; George Leslie, Quebec, Can.

Lem Franklin, Chicago, Ill.; Art Lasky, California; Hans Haverlick, Austria; Valentine Campolo, Argentina; Jersey Joe Walcott, Merchantville, N. J.; Goyo Rico, Cuba; Harry Lister, England; Russ Wasser, Minneapolis, Minn.; Floyd Gibbons, Columbus, O.; Steve Martin, Camden, N. J.; Clarence Bastell, Louisville, Ky.; Charley Harvey, Alabama.

Hank Hankinson, Akron, O.; Alex Kettles, Chicago, Ill.; Jack Howard, Salt Lake City; Bob La Rue, Oakland, Cal.; Texas Jack Thompson, Texas; Al Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul Hartnek, Wisconsin; Elmer Ray, Atlanta; John Bill, New York; Oscar Jenkins, Alabama; Andy Wallace, New York; Hard Rock Harden, Burlington, N. C.; Ned Nelson, Miami; Young Allen, Atlanta; Sandy McDonald, Canada; Charley Coates, Los Angeles; Jack Kranz, Gary, Ind.

Tiger Jack Wright, Texas; Billy Miske, Jr., St. Paul; Bud Mignault, Brockton, Mass.; Robert E. Lee, Colorado; Joe Ocurage, Syracuse, N. Y.; Buck Everett, Washington; Buffalo Barcus, Texas; Emil Scholz, Germany; Henry Cooper, New York; Eddie Mader, New York; Elza Thompson, Indianapolis; Al Williams, Miami; Domingo Valin, Oakland, Cal.; Charley Massera, Monongahela, Pa.; Wallie Sears, Pennsylvania; Billy Treest, Batavia, Ill.; Barney Brock, Tampa, Fla.; Joe Wagner, Cleveland, O.; Jerry Grieff, Bronx, N. Y.

Light-Heavyweight Division

(Group 1)

John Henry Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz.
(World Champion)

(Group 2)

1—Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.
2—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.
3—Len Harvey, England.
4—Ron Richards, Australia.
5—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.
6—Jock McAvoy, England.
7—Al Gainer, New Haven, Conn.

(Group 3)

1—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Ambrose Palmer, Australia.
3—Adolph Heuser, Germany.
4—Eddie Wenstob, Edmonton, Alberta.
5—Dave Clark, Detroit, Mich.
6—Tommy Tucker, Rockville Center, N. Y.
7—Young Herrera, British West Indies.
8—Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.
9—Marty Simmons, Saginaw, Mich.

(Group 4)

1—Gustave Roth, Belgium.
2—Carel Sys, Belgium.
3—Ralph De John, Syracuse, N. Y.
4—Tommy Martin, England.
5—Pedro Lorenzo, California.
6—Chuck Nickerson, Vancouver, B. C.
7—Ernie Collins, Reno, Nev.
8—Ray Miller, Newark, N. J.
9—Johnny Denson, Indiana.
10—Darky Ellis, England.
11—Frankie Caris, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Herbert Katz, New York.

(Group 5)

Ralph Chong, New Orleans; Bob Scally, Glasgow; Jimmy Webb, St. Louis, Mo.; Stanley Hasrato, Yonkers, N. Y.; Joe Quigley, Ireland; Bob Firmin, England; Frank Hough, England; Buddy Ryan, Roselle Park, N. J.; Eddie Pierce, England; Fred Lenhart, Pocatello, Idaho; Oscar Rankins, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Swede Berglund, San Diego, Cal.; Dom Ceccarelli, Italy.

Dee Amos, New York; Tony Celli, Boston; Frank Zamoris, Orange, N. J.; Marvin Wason, St. Paul, Minn.; Mickey Dugan, Cleveland, O.; Bob Godwin, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Sonny Buxton, Vancouver, B. C.; Buddy Holzhauer, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jack Robinson, England; Tom Reddington, England; James J. Johnston, New York; Willie Pavlovich, New York; Ray Actis, San Francisco, Cal.; Bill Hardy, England; Hobo Williams, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Jack Rodriguez, Texas; Charley Jerome, New Orleans; Red Conway, Texas; Jimmy Webb, Texas; Carl Knowles, Savannah, Ga.; Eddie Dreher, Florida; Buddy Scott, Texas; Bobby Yannes, California; Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia; Red Bruce, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dick Maloney, Boston, Mass.

Middleweight Division

(Group 1)

Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.
(World Championship Vacant)

(Group 2)

1—Solly Krieger, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—Ron Richards, Australia.
3—Jock McAvoy, England.
4—Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.

(Group 3)

1—Walter Woods, New York.
2—Atilio Sabatino, Puerto Rico.
3—Young Corbett, Fresno, Cal.
4—Teddy Yarosz, Monaco, Pa.
5—Ben Brown, Atlanta, Ga.
6—Fred Henneberry, Australia.
7—Glen Lee, Edison, Neb.
8—Ken Overlin, Decatur, Ill.

(Group 4)

1—Freddie Steele, Tacoma, Wash.
2—Ginger Sadd, England.
3—Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—Alan Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.
5—Lloyd Marshall, St. Louis, Mo.
6—Jack Hyams, England.

(Group 5)

1—Al Bernard, New York.
2—Bep Van Klaveren, Holland.
3—Harry Balsamo, New York.
4—Eric Seelig, Germany.
5—Kid Tunero, Cuba.
6—Alabama Kid, Canton, O.
7—Eduardo Tenet, France.
8—Eddie Maguire, South Africa.
9—Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.
10—Antoine Christofordis, Greece.

(Group 6)

1—Carmen Barth, Cleveland, O.
2—Walter Franklin, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—George Abrams, Washington, D. C.
4—Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Cal Cagni, Creskill, N. J.
6—Carmelo Candel, France.
7—Joe Sutka, Wyandotte, Mich.
8—Ben Valentine, Fiji Islands.
9—Lou Brouillard, Worcester, Mass.
10—Dave McCleave, England.
11—George Davis, England.
12—Billy Celebron, Rockford, Ill.

(Group 7)

Babe Risko, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tommy Freeman, Hot Springs, Ark.; Syd Brown, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Claude Nichols, Australia; Al Quail, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Billy Soose, Firrell, Pa.; George Black, Milwaukee, Wis.; Paulie Walker, Trenton, N. J.; Young Stuhley, Kewanee, Ill.; Johnny Sharkey, New York; Jimmy Jones, Baltimore, Md.; Gorilla Jones, Akron, O.; Len Wadsworh, Hamilton, Canada.

Dale Sparr, Oakland, Cal.; Al Diamond, Paterson, N. J.; Dai Jones, England; Moe Moss, England; George Burnett, Detroit; Joey Parks, St. Louis, Mo.; Nat Franks, England; Tom Chester, New York; Tony Fisher, Newark, N. J.; George Yaretko, Cleveland, O.; Joe Butch Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.; Bobby Birch, New York; Roy Chapman, Boston, Mass.; Honey Boy Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jack McNamee, Australia.

Freddy Fitzgerald, New Brunswick, N. J.; Frankie Castiglia, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tommy Smith, Scotland; Jean Desperaux, France; Rudy Marshall, Stamford; Stafford Barton, England; Bert Gilroy, England; Howard Story, Portland, Me.

Ernest Vigh, New York; Jimmy Collins, St. Paul, Minn.; Frankie Blair, Camden, N. J.; Johnny Duca, Marlboro, N. J.; Tony Cisco, Norristown, Pa.; Angelo Puglisi, Duluth, Minn.; Joey Parks, St. Louis, Mo.; Irvin Pease, Toronto, Can.; Babe Orhavon, Texas; Al Shank, Canada; Ray McIntire, New Brunswick, Can.

Wilbur De Vora, Winnebago, Neb.; Jackie Gans, Des Moines, Ia.; Solly Spark, Deadwood, Neb.; Jimmy Clark, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bob Turner, Richmond, Va.; Milton Shivers, Detroit, Mich.; Tony Bruno, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pee Wee Jarrell, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Johnny Rossi, New York; Jimmy Purcell, Australia; Texas Joe Dundee; Larry Kellum, New York; Tommy Jones, Worcester, Mass.; Larry Derrick, San Francisco, Cal.; Henry Schaft, Minneapolis, Minn.; Bobby Little, Holyoke, Mass.; Tommy Hart, Los Angeles, Cal.; Joe Besselman, Germany; Bobby Milsaps, Dayton, Ohio.

Welterweight Division

(Group 1)

Henry Armstrong, St. Louis, Mo.
(World Champion)

(Group 2)

1—Ceferino Garcia, Philippines.

(Group 3)

1—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Ernie Roderick, Liverpool.
4—Jake Kilrain, Scotland.
5—Kid Frattini, Italy.

(Group 4)

1—Jimmy Leto, Tampa, Fla.
2—Sammy Luftspring, Toronto, Can.
3—Saverio Turiello, Italy.
4—Steve Mamakos, Washington, D. C.
5—Marcel Cerdun, France.
6—Felix Wouters, Belgium.
7—Holman Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.
8—Cleto Locatelli, Italy.
9—Gustave Eder, Germany.
10—Jackie Kid Berg, England.

(Group 5)
1—Enrico Venturi, Italy.
2—Kid Azteca, Mexico.
3—Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.
4—Harry Mizler, England.
5—Ralph Zanelli, Providence, R. I.
6—Eddie Dolan, Waterbury, Conn.
7—Wildcat O'Connor, New Jersey.
8—Sonny Jones, Vancouver, B. C.
9—Frankie Genovese, Toronto, Can.

(Group 6)
1—Len Wickwar, Leicester, England.
2—Andre Jesserun, New York.
3—Milt Aron, Chicago, Ill.
4—Izzy Jannazzo, New York.
5—George Daly, England.
6—Vittorio Venturi, Italy.
7—Kenny La Salle, Los Angeles, Cal.
8—Norman Snow, England.
9—Bobby Britton, Miami, Fla.
10—Vincent Pimpinelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.
11—Leonard Del Genio, New York.
12—Johnny Barbara, South Bend, Ind.
13—Bobby Pacho, Los Angeles, Cal.
14—Baby Salvy Saban, New York.

(Group 7)
Frank Cavanna, New York; Gustave Humery, France; Jean Morin, France; Red Cochran, Elizabeth, N. J.; Leon Zorrita, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tod Morgan, Australia; Victor Decknyn, France; Young Peter Jackson, California.

Phil Furr, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Houlston, Cardiff, Wales; Mickey Serrian, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mickey Donohue, New Haven, Conn.; Carlo Orlando, Italy; George Salvatore, Texas; Al Baker, France; Bert Colima, California; Al Manfredo, San Francisco, Cal.; Joe Gelinas, Athol, Mass.; Billy Barnes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gordon Wallace, Vancouver, B. C.; Chief Paris, Dallas, Texas; Marty Marino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buster Carroll, Lowell, Mass.; Dick Humphries, Australia; Omar Konderi, Algeria.

Freddie Caruso, Fall River, Mass.; Bobby Cummings, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Dell, Oneonta, N. Y.; Willie Fool, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Siegi Lander, Palestine; George Odwell, England; Steve Halaiko, Rochester, N. Y.; Wicky Harkins, Philadelphia, Pa.

Johnny McHale, New York; Mickey Maker, Jersey City; Willie Schonemaker, New York; Frank Terry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tiger Carsonia, Indianapolis, Ind.; Maurice Arnault, France; Al Traino, Rochester, N. Y.

Werther Arcelli, Boston, Mass.; Mike Piskin, Freehold, N. J.; Joey Kolbam, Syracuse, N. Y.; Jimmy Smith, Alabama; Johnny Lucas, Camden, N. J.; Frank Erne, England; Doug Marsh, Montreal, Can.; Leonard Bennett, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Bland, Toronto, Can.; Reno Fernandez, Mexico; Nat Bor, Fall River, Mass.; Harold Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Al Baker, Belgium; Alan Westbury, Australia; Ron McLaughlin, Australia; John Shields, Australia.

Don Espinson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Joe Legon, Cuba; Rene Sanchez, Detroit, Mich.; Jackie Burke, Ogden, Utah; Jim Lawlor, England; Johnny Dean, Florida; Bill McDowell, Texas; Jack Lawrence, Florida; Billy Deeg, Houston, Texas; Eddie McGeever, Texas; Freddie Dixon, Phoenix, Ariz.

Frankie Sagilio, Chicago, Ill.; Chuck Woods, Detroit, Mich.; Dan Wakerlis, Greece; Baby Miller, Tampa, Florida; Cal Holmes, New York; Six Second Powell, Plainfield, N. J.; Ralph Vora, Asbury Park, N. J.; Calvin McGraw, Sioux City, Ia.; Tommy Howe, Gary, Ind.; Lew Raymond, Baltimore, Md.; Tommy Houston, New York.

Lightweight Division
(Group 1)
Henry Armstrong, St. Louis, Mo.
(World Champion)
2—Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N. Y.

(Group 2)
1—Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rico.
2—Baby Arizmendi, Mexico.
3—Davey Day, Chicago, Ill.
4—Sammy Angott, Louisville, Ky.
5—Aldo Spoldi, Italy.
6—Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Group 3)
1—Petey Sarron, Birmingham, Ala.
2—Billy Beauhuld, St. Louis, Mo.
3—Maxie Berger, Montreal, Can.
4—Wesley Ramey, Grand Rapids, Mich.
5—Norment Quarles, Hendersonville, Va.
6—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
7—Nick Camarata, New Orleans, La.
8—Dave Crowley, England.
9—Georgie Crouch, California.
10—Eric Boon, Chatteris, England.
11—Tony Canzoneri, New York.
12—Primo Flores, Puerto Rico.

(Group 4)
1—Irving Eldridge, New York.
2—Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, Mo.
3—Georgie Zangaras, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Jimmy Vaughan, England.
5—Tony Chavez, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Joey Ferrando, Jersey City, N. J.
7—Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich.
8—Pete Lello, Chicago, Ill.
9—Yucatan Kid, Mexico.
10—Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, N. J.
11—Johnny Bellus, Connecticut.
12—Arthur Danahar, England.
13—Eddie Cool, Philadelphia, Pa.
14—Leon Efrati, Italy.
15—Jimmy Tygh, Philadelphia, Pa.
16—Billy Marquart, Winnipeg, Can.

(Group 6)
Al Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bernie Friedkin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ronnie James, England; Red Guggino, Tampa, Fla.; Frankie Klick, San Francisco, Cal.; Chino Alvarez, Tampa, Fla.; Max Raynor, Australia; Primo Flores, Puerto Rico; Harvey Woods, Chicago, Ill.; Georgie Hansford, California; Wishy Jones, Louisville, Ky.; Charley Gomer, New York; Eddie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Honey Melody, Boston, Mass.; Al Citrino, San Francisco, Cal.; Jack Carrick, England; Al Lyttle, Belfast; Dave Finn, England; Pancho Martinez, Cuba.

Nick Peters, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Stevens, Cincinnati, O.; Joey Alcanter, Kansas City, Mo.; Ritchie Fontaine, Butte, Mont.; Tommy Spiegal, Johnstown, N. Y.; Henry Woods, Seattle, Wash.; Joe Bascarino, Rochester, N. Y.; Babe McLeod, Canada; Joey Green, Washington, D. C.

Jimmy Vaughn, Cleveland, O.; Billy Maher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Howard Scott, Washington, D. C.; Mickey Farber, New York; Jack Sheppard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Harsen, France; Joe Popolo, France; Irish Eddie Dunn, N. Y.; Paul De Bello, New York; Newsboy Joe Gavris, San Francisco, Cal.; Johnny Morro, New York; Ed Alzek, New Jersey; Mike Gamiere, Cleveland, Ohio.

Tommy Walsh, England; Ted Garcia, Colorado; Pete Galiano, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Finnerty, England; Augustine Gonzales, Puerto Rico; Wally Hally, Hollywood, Cal.; Kid Lulu, Canada.

Bucky Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Dick Bowen, Miami; Lew Jenkins, Texas; Sammy Musco, Texas; Jimmy Lancaster, Wilmington, Del.; Lee Harper, New York; Frankie Wallace, Cleveland, O.; Johnny Dube, Boston, Mass.

Sol Levinson, Denver, Col.; Sammy Margo, Birmingham, Ala.; Mike Kaplan, Boston, Mass.; Al Nettlow, Detroit, Mich.; Billy Ketchel, Colorado; Mickey La Mar, New York; Tommy Brown, Norwood, O.; Joe Connolly, Ohio; Ross Romero, St. Louis; Tommy Rawson, Boston, Mass.; Freddie Cochrane, Newark, N. J.; Orville Drouillard, Windsor, Can.; Pat Kissinger, Kansas City, Mo.; Ray Sharkey, Cleveland, O.; Jack Sharkey, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Nunzio Bisogno, Newark, N. J.; Lew Massey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Greb, Milwaukee, Wis.; Tony Morgano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles Burns, Lancaster, Pa.; Frank Terranova, N. Y.; Kayo Labbe, Canada.

Tommy Roman, Bayonne, N. J.; Johnny Rinaldo, New York; Johnny Bonito, New York; Pat Foley, Worcester, Mass.; Johnny Cabello, Philippines; Baby Breese, Milwaukee, Wis.; Emil Joseph, Pittsburgh, Pa.; King Kong Young, Japan; Jackie Saunders, Ireland; Henry Masselli, Philadelphia, Pa.

Featherweight Division
(Group 1)
Championship Vacant.
1—Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill.
2—Pete Scalzo, New York City.

(Group 2)
1—Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Can.
2—Freddie Miller, Cincinnati, O.
3—Joey Archibald, Providence, R. I.
4—Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Mike Belloise, New York.
6—Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 3)
1—Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2—Al Reid, New York City.
3—Joey Fontana, New York City.
4—Claude Varner, United States.
5—Mickey Miller, Australia.
6—Tony Dupre, Manchester, N. H.
7—Ginger Foran, England.
8—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
9—Dick Corbett, England.
10—Benny Caplan, England.
11—Mexican Joe Silva, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Benny McIntosh, Pawnee, Okla.
13—Nat Litfin, Pittsburgh, Pa.
14—Al Mancini, Providence, R. I.
15—Abe Danner, Boston, Mass.
16—Hirsh Demsitz, Denmark.

(Group 4)
1—Danny McNichol, Merchantville, N. J.
2—Spider Kelly, Ireland.
3—Dan McAllister, Ireland.
4—Phil Dolhem, Belgium.
5—Patsy Patterson, Cincinnati, O.
6—Billy Fundass, Australia.
7—Johnny Cusick, England.
8—Dommy Ganzon, Philippines.
9—Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.
10—Johnny Marcelline, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Group 5)
Kid Chocolate, Cuba; Maurice Holtzer, France; Young Gildo, Philippines; Joe Conde, Mexico City; Pablo Dano, Philippines; Tiby Vugil, Philippines; Joey Rosenberg, Los Angeles; Kid Irish, St. Louis, Mo.; Pal Floyd, Fort Benning, Fla.; Maxie Richards, Australia; Johnny McGrory, Scotland; Johnny Holt, South Africa; Mistos Grispos, Greece; Lou Transparenti, Baltimore, Md.

Harry Summers, Australia; George Marsden, England; El Hussane, France; Bobby Leyvas, Yuma; Bobby Green, Philadelphia; Joe Hall, Australia; Phineas John, Wales; Mel Gliona, Toronto, Can.; Thomas Chester, New York; Jackie Callura, Canada; Vincenzo Dell Orto, Italy; Frank Kenny, Scotland; Tommy Morris, Australia; Fred Morris, England; Gustavo Ansini, Italy; Sammy Taormina, Akron, O.; Dally Moian, Australia; Joe McKerwick, Australia.

Hank Nakamura, Japan; Marty Pignatore, New York; Max Shapiro, New York; Cuthbert Taylor, England; Len Beynon, Wales; Will Joyce, Chicago, Ill.; Snowy Clarke, Australia; Cristobal Jaramillo, Puerto Rico; Frank McCudden, Scotland; Joey Wach, New York; Emilio Magana, California; Jimmy Perrian, New Orleans; Jack Treadway, Wales; Johnny Litto, Philadelphia, Pa.

Freddie Covelli, New York; Pete De Grasse, New York; Lloyd Pine, Barberton, O.; Armendes Sicilia, Springfield, Ill.; Umio Gen, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ted Christie, New York; Matt Perfitti, New York.

Bobby Siegel, Texas; Joey Raymond, Tampa, Fla.; Bernie Miller, New York; Willie Skidmore, New York; Harold Valan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Victor Corchado, Puerto Rico; Jackie Hurst, England; Manuel Flores, Florida; Tommy Rico, Camden, N. J.; Benny Sharkey, England.

Bantamweight Division
(Group 1)
1—K. O. Morgan, Detroit, Mich.
2—Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico.
(World Champion)
3—Lou Salica, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Georgie Pace, Cleveland, O.

(Group 2)
1—Henry Hook, Indianapolis, Ind.
2—Little Pancho, Philippines.
3—Kid Tanner, British West Indies.
4—Aurel Toma, Roumania.
5—Johnny King, England.
6—Pancho Villa, Mexico.
7—Johnny Gaudes, Milwaukee, Wis.
8—Benny Lynch, Scotland.
9—Teddy O'Neil, Scotland.
10—Baby Yack, Toronto, Can.
11—Valentin Anglemann, France.
12—Baltazar Sangchilli, Spain.

(Group 3)
Tommy Burns, England; Johnny McManus, Scotland; Indian Quintana, Panama; Johnny Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Len Hampston, England; Charley Brown, Belfast; Joe Roche, California; Horace Mann, California; Roy Underwood, Australia; Toby La Rosa, Mexico; Ernst Weiss, Austria; Tom Oliveras, California.

Tommy Romero, California; Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Can.; Richard Lemos, California; Jim Brady, England; Lefty Gwynne, Toronto, Can.; Joe Connolly, Glasgow; Mog Mason, Wales; Al Galatte, Toronto, Can.; Tiny Chapman, Toronto, Can.; Frankie Jarr, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Al Brown, Philadelphia; Babe McLeod, Montreal.

Angelo Callura, Hamilton, O.; Battling Hayes, Leeds; Billy Passan, Philadelphia; Sammy La Porte, Baltimore, Md.; Dave Crawford, New York; Buddy Hayes, Florida; Billy Pereira, Texas; Chuck Sanchez, Texas; Henry Raymond, Florida; Joey Bagnato, Canada; Varias Milling, Philippines.

Flyweight Division
(Group 1)
Peter Kane, England.
(World Champion)
2—Little Dado, Philippines.
3—Small Montana, Philippines.
4—Kid Tanner, British West Indies.

(Group 2)
1—Tut Whalley, England.
2—Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Cal.
3—Carlo Urbinati, Italy.
4—Pierre Louis, France.
5—Paddy Ryan, England.
6—Pierce Ellis, England.
7—Pat McStravick, Ireland.
8—Tiny Bostock, England.
9—Valentin Anglemann, France.
10—Jim Warnock, Ireland.
11—Fred Tennant, Scotland.
12—Tommy Farriker, Manchester.

(Group 3)
Katsumi Morioka, Japan; Ernst Weiss, Austria; Aurelian La Mothe, Quebec; Phil Milligan, England; Dennis Cahill, Ireland; Mickey O'Neil, England; Fortunato Ortega, Spain; Matta Gavino, Italy; Dave Keller, England; Joe Kiely, Ireland; Eddie Davis, England; Frank Kid Bonsor, England; Barney McVeigh, Scotland; Trevor Law, Australia; Gaston Vanden Boos, Holland; Olin Loy, California; Manuel Gonzales, Spain.

Tommy Stewart, Belfast, Ireland; Seaman Chetty, South Africa; Enrico Urbinito, Italy; Gino Cattanaeo, Italy; Charles Panataisco, Bucharest, Roumania; Poppi Decico, France.

Jimmy Webster, England; Georges Bataille, France; Pedrito Ruiz, Spain; Robert Racquet, France; Billy Nash, England; Angus McGregor, Wales; Tom McGrory, Glasgow; Etienne Ferraro, Italy; Dudley Lewis, England; Eddie Davis, England.

Rinty Monaghan, Ireland; Joe Curran, England; Pete Powell, England; Jackie Brown, England; Thomas Campbell, Ireland; Joe Tierney, England; Billy Tansey, England.

Little Caesar, Philippines; Bernard Leroux, Belgium; Donnie Maes, California; Little Palace, Philippines; Jackie Paterson, Glasgow; Tony Raminiez, Mexico; Young Gonzales, Spain; H. Le Belanger, France; Maurice Filhol, France; Hal Bagwell, Gloucester; Goff Williams, England; Billy Tansig, England; Rafaleto Valdes, Spain; Dudley Lewis, Wales; Eddie Davis, Rhondda.

FIGHT FANS FINALLY

Jack Root, whose knockout by George Gardner in 1903 started light-heavy excitement.

Boxing Division With Fantastic Genesis Comes Into Its Own After Thirty-Five Years — Tight Tussle for Title

RUN up the gay gonfalons to the top of the pole, touch off the hoozah pots and whoop it up in general, because, after thirty-six years of ups and downs, the light-heavyweight class is again coming into its own!

The New York State Athletic Commission has paved the way for a showdown between the three leading contenders for John Henry Lewis' 175-pound throne, which the latter must abdicate for two prime reasons; the first, because he has been matched to fight Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship of the world, and because it is generally conceded that the scholarly Negro cannot further make 175 pounds.

He drops the light-heavyweight title automatically, as did hard-hitting Jack Delaney when Jack stepped off the throne to fight Paulino Uzcudun back in 1927.

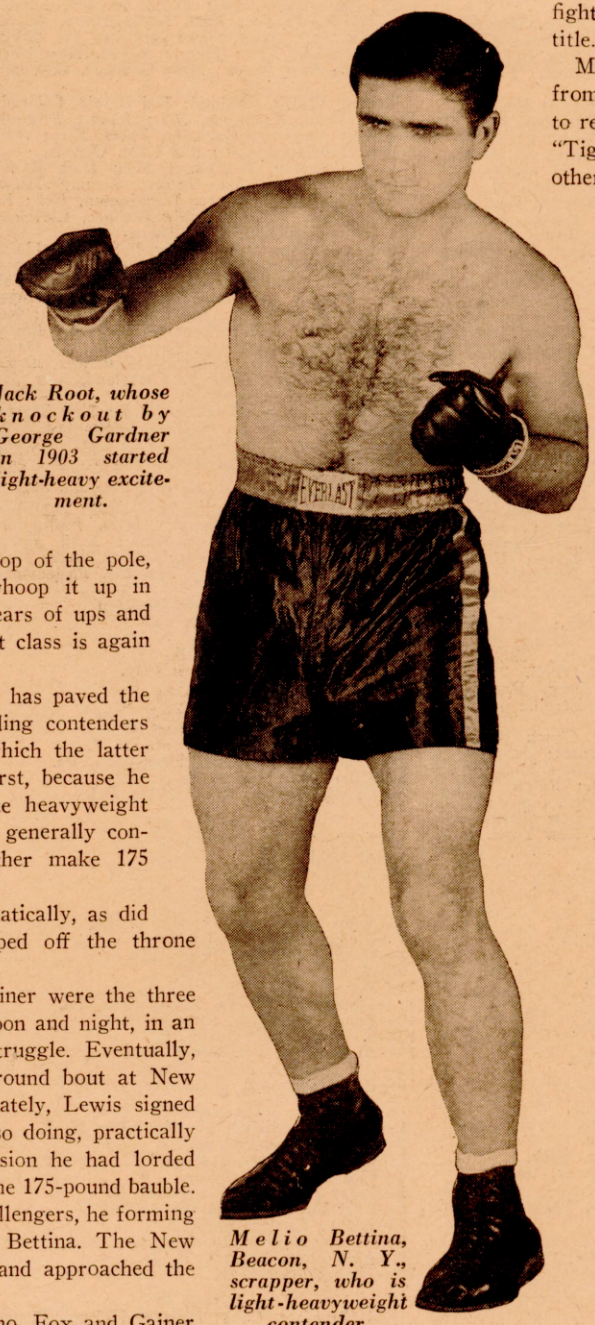
Tiger Jack Fox, Melio Bettina and Al Gainer were the three men who dogged Lewis' footsteps morning, noon and night, in an effort to force John Henry into a titular struggle. Eventually, Gainer recently got the chance in a fifteen-round bout at New Haven, Conn., and lost the decision. Immediately, Lewis signed to fight Joe Louis for the big plum, and in so doing, practically admitted that he was through with the division he had lorded over since the night he defeated Bob Olin for the 175-pound bauble.

This threw Gainer right back among the challengers, he forming a three-cornered controversy with Fox and Bettina. The New York boxing board got out their kit of oil and approached the troubled waters with grim determination.

They invited Bettina, trained by Joe Romano, Fox and Gainer to fight it out to see which of the trio rightfully was entitled to call himself the light-heavyweight champion of the world.

Then took place a most unique proceeding. The three names were written on paper slips at the boxing commission office and the managers of the three candidates "drew straws!"

It was agreed beforehand that the first two names drawn would constitute the first match and the man remaining would become challenger Number One and then fight the winner for the world's title.



Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y., scrapper, who is light-heavyweight contender.

Melio Bettina, the young Italian from Beacon, N. Y., was the one to remain out of action, while the "Tiger" and Gainer drew each other and were ordered to get right down to the business of settling the little matter of individual supremacy. The title will not be determined until Bettina has met the winner. His trainer, Romano, and his manager, Jimmy Griffin, are confident he will turn the trick.

With this set-up comes new life and hope for the division, which has been graced by some of the best fighters of our time. Tiger Jack Fox has been mowing 'em down with great regularity and it was he who set up the worst din about a title bout with Lewis.

It must be said that Lewis permitted the class to slip into the commonplace by avoiding real competition in defense of his title. He utterly ignored the "Tiger" and Bettina.

Lewis ran into a snag when he ignored an edict from the New York boxing board setting forth that he come in and accept the challenge of the Mighty Tiger Fox.

When Lewis failed to do this, the commission declared his title void. The champion threatened to take the commissioners to court in an effort to force them to prove that they had a legal right to take such drastic measures.

Bettina, a consistent winner, was just as energetic about securing a title bout as was the "Tiger" and Gainer. With some forty bouts to his credit, with only three decisions rendered against him, all of which he later reversed by beating these men, Bettina commanded respect.

Gene Tunney, refereeing a Florida bout in which Bettina

HAIL LIGHT-HEAVIES

By HYPE IGOE

was the winner, patted the swarthy youngster on the shoulder and said:

"Young fellow, you can fight. You've got courage and ability, and from such stuff are champions made. You'll be a champion inside of a year." That was last March, just after Bettina had taken the measure of Tony Celli in two rounds!

With John Henry moving on to a battle with the Brown Bomber in January, there must be fireworks from now on in the light-heavyweight class.

Other contenders will come along to join them and the fur will fly in the ranks from now on. Bettina has a big following in the Beacon, N. Y., district.

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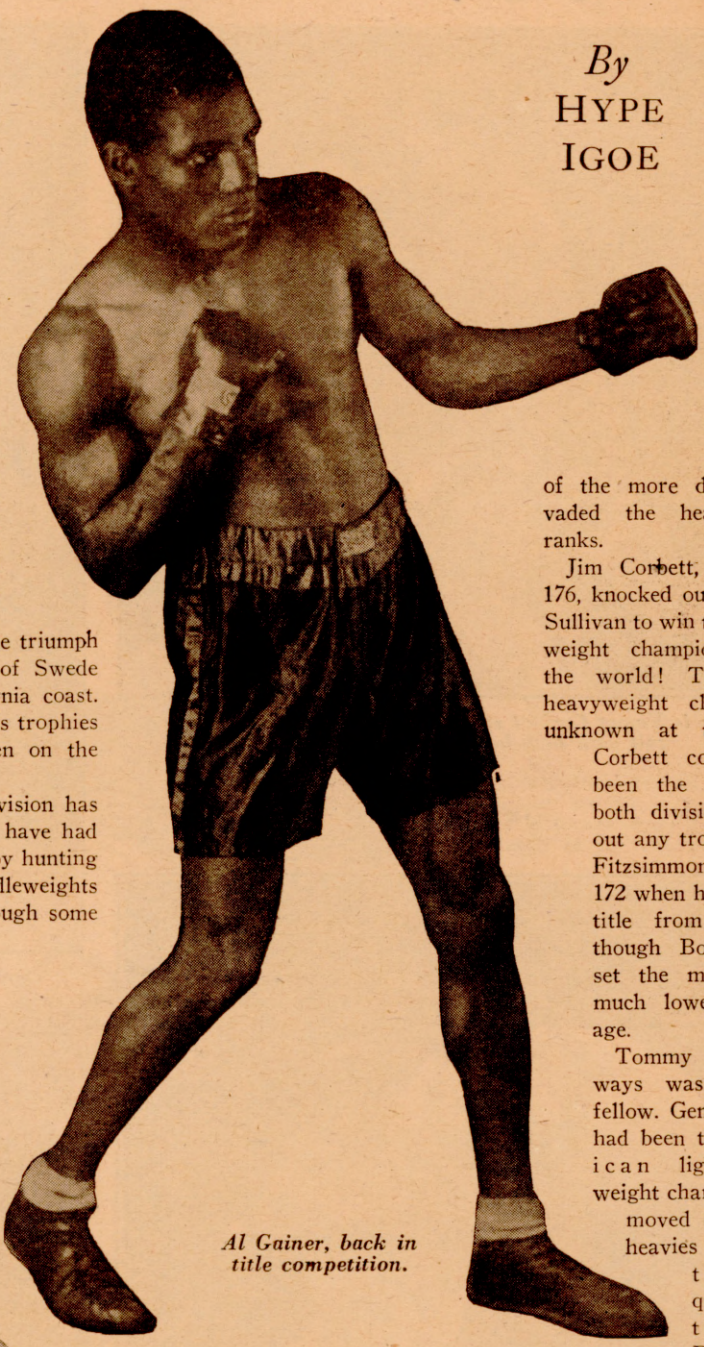
SEVERAL months ago he fought in the Hippodrome in New York and he brought a personal crowd of five hundred loyal rooters to urge him on to victory. He is an idol with his neighbors, and when he comes to fight the winner of the Fox-Gainer bout in Madison Square Garden, they'll be hanging from the rafters. When Bettina failed to get proper recognition around the New York clubs, he took Horace Greeley's advice and "went West." There he piled up one triumph after another which included a three-round knockout of Swede Berglund, one of the toughest hombres on the California coast.

Melio added the Southern light-heavyweight title to his trophies when he defeated Joe Knight. Bettina never has been on the "deck" in his whole career.

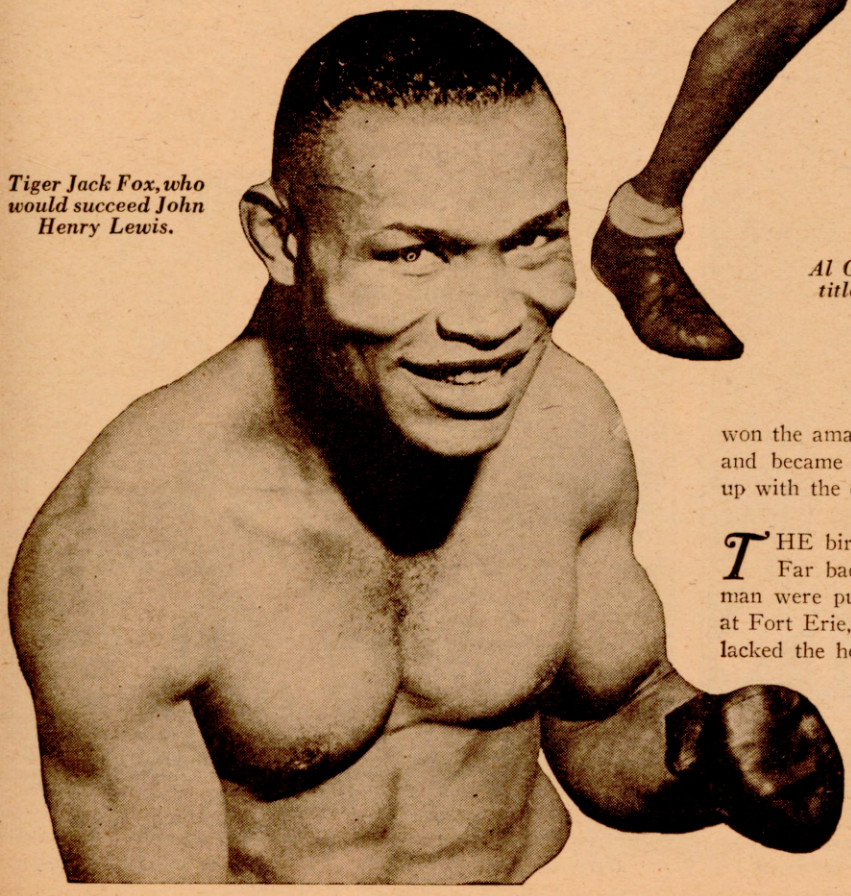
In the thirty-six years that the light-heavyweight division has been in vogue, some of the greatest fighters of all time have had their fling in this picturesque division. It has been a happy hunting ground for fighting men who were too big to fight middleweights and too small, as a rule, to cope with heavyweights, though some of the more daring invaded the heavyweight ranks.



Al Gainer, back in title competition.

Jim Corbett, weighing 176, knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the heavyweight championship of the world! The light-heavyweight class was unknown at the time. Corbett could have been the dandy of both divisions without any trouble. Bob Fitzsimmons weighed 172 when he took the title from Corbett, though Bob always set the mark at a much lower poundage.

Tommy Burns always was a little fellow. Gene Tunney had been the American light-heavyweight champion and moved on to the heavies to become the conqueror of the great Dempsey. Joe Louis won the amateur light-heavyweight title and then began to grow and became the sensation of the heavyweight division, winding up with the crown.



Tiger Jack Fox, who would succeed John Henry Lewis.

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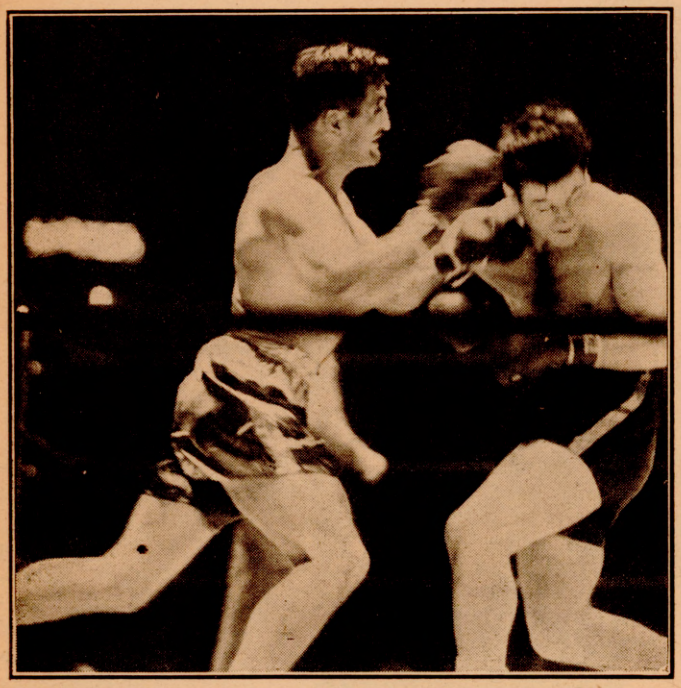
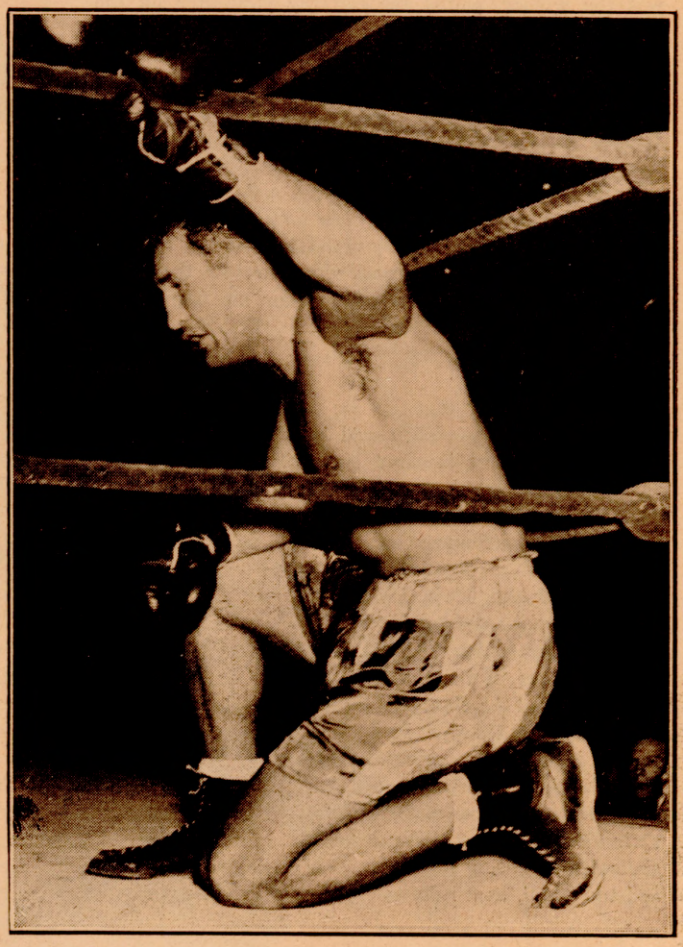
THE birth of the division is a fantastic episode in Fistiana. Far back in 1903, on July 4, Jack Curley and Lou Housman were putting George Gardner and Jack Root into the ring at Fort Erie, Canada. Both men had heavyweight aspirations, yet lacked the heft to make them formidable among the big guns of the ring.

It was Housman who hit on the idea of creating a new weight division by calling it a battle for the LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT championship of the world! Housman, a cunning manager, was Root's sponsor and he thought that winning the new fangled tiara would greatly enhance Root's earning power as a *(Continued on page 44)*

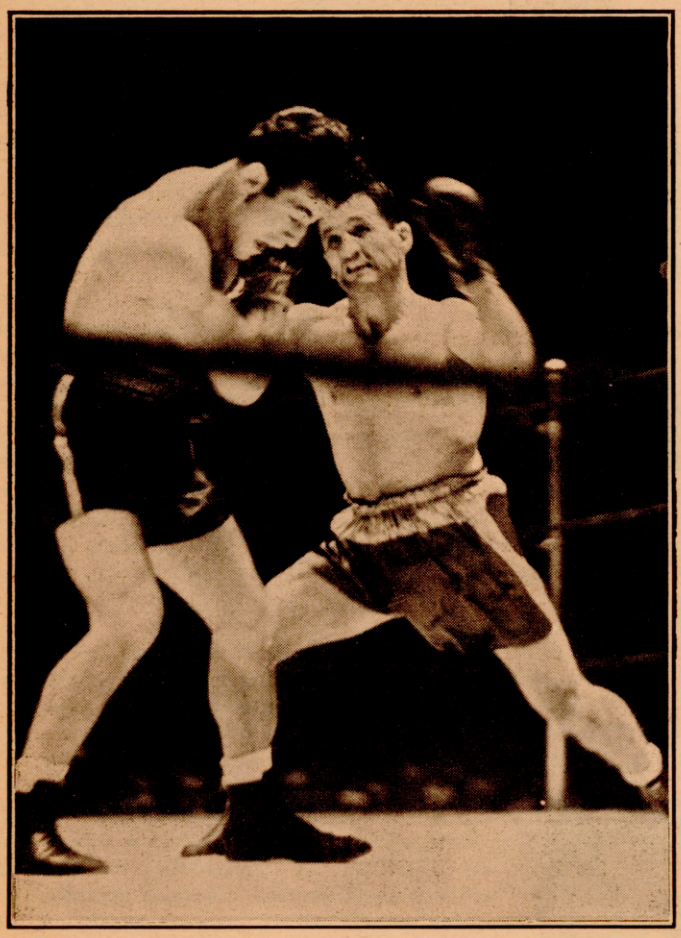
Snapped as Apostoli Scored



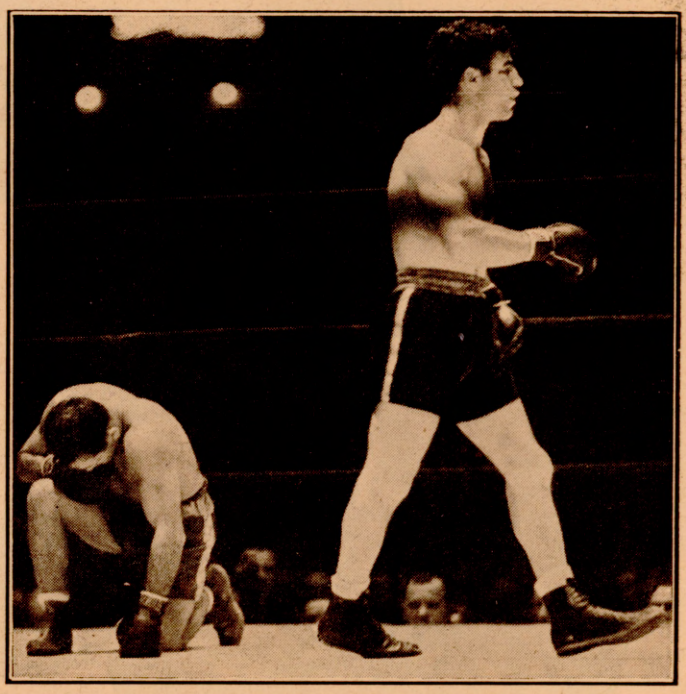
Here is Young Corbett still fresh, flailing away at Apostoli with both hands in the second heat.



Corbett is down on one knee in the seventh round, and looks like a very tired hombre.

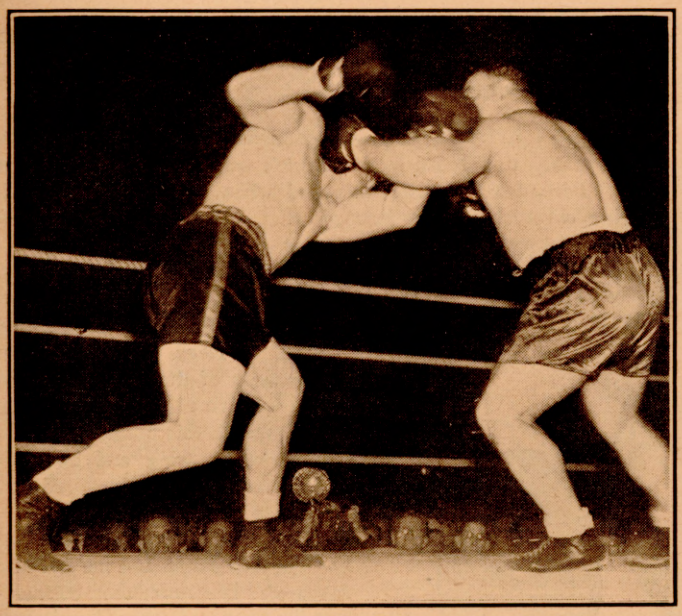


No, it wasn't all pie and peaches for Fred, because, as you note in this picture, Corbett occasionally let loose a telling left-hander.

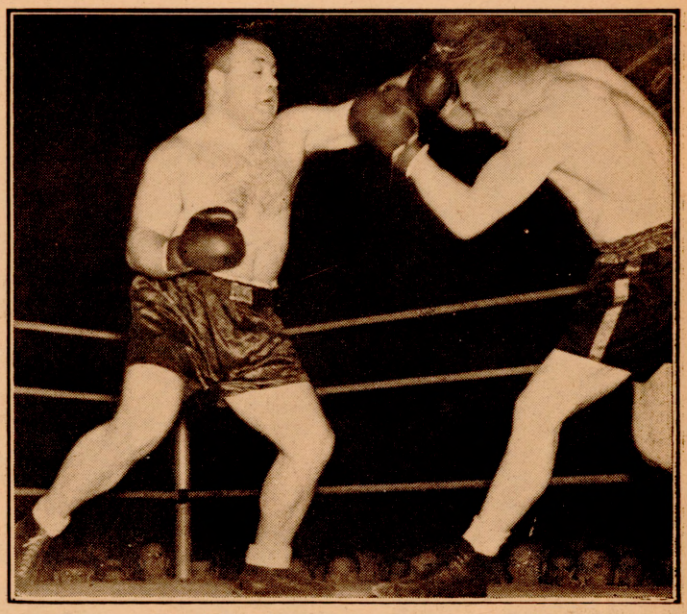


Here is the finish. After 2.01 minutes of the eighth, Corbett is through.

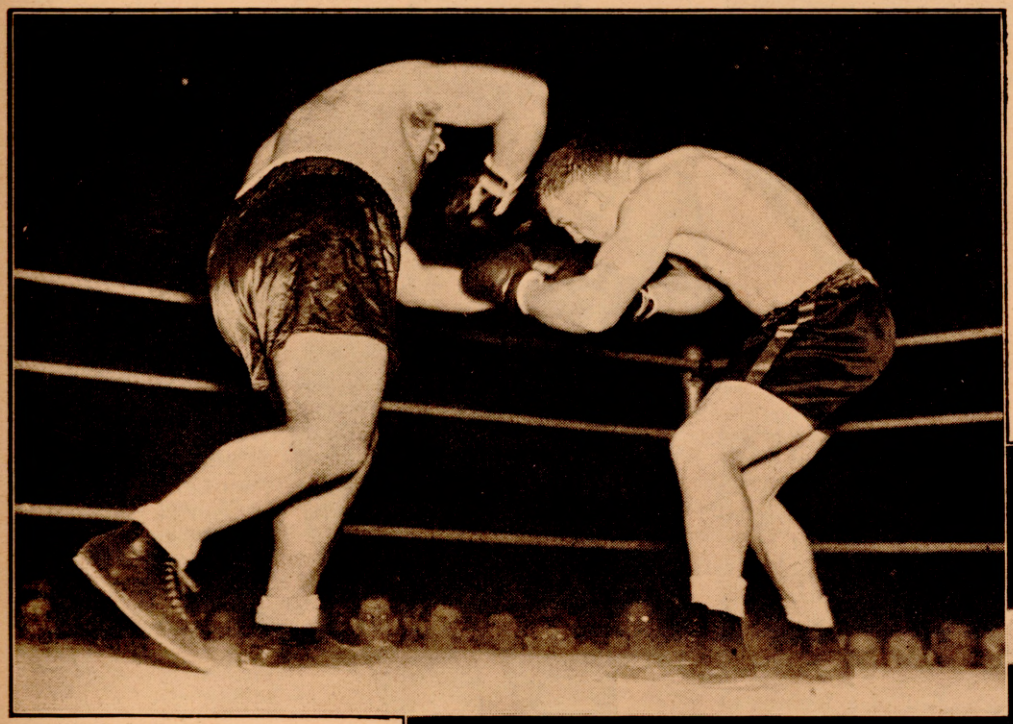
As Terrible Tony "Triumphs"



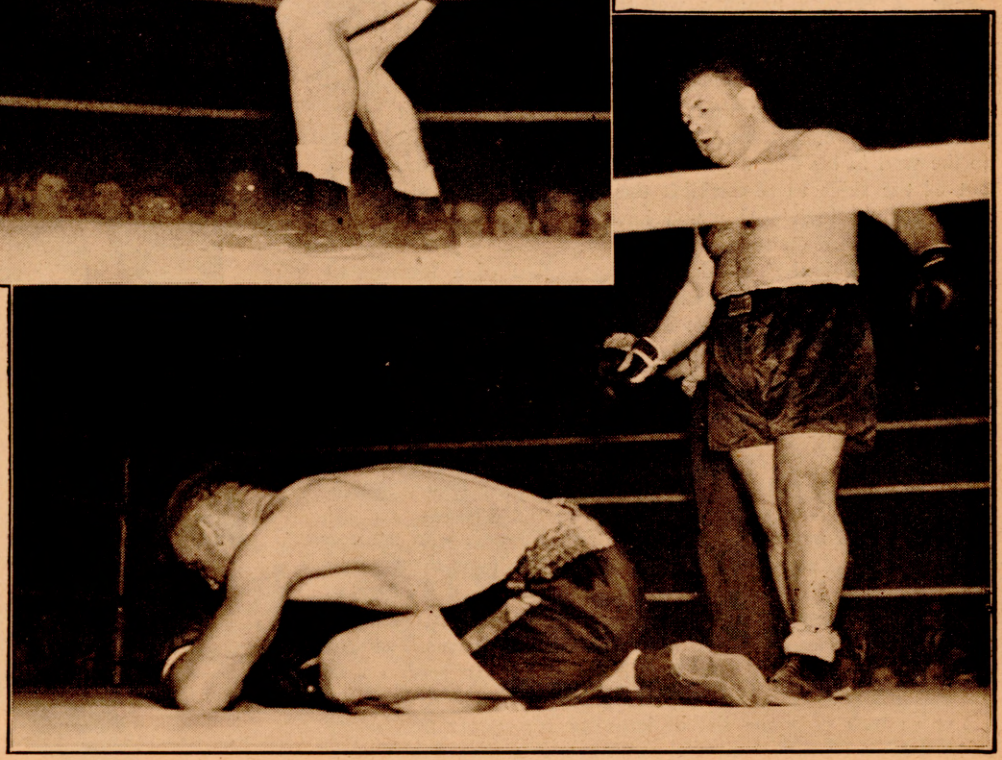
Thomas is shown doing the dying duck as Galento lunges with one of his lefts.



Here is Terrible Tony missing again in that great what-is-it with Thomas.



A very important punch, if you can see it. It is starting Thomas toward the canvas in the third.



The Gladiator is Dead! Thomas on the floor, and from the way it looks, he intends to stay there. He does.

SAGA of HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Louis, reviver of flush times.

WHEN haughty, well-satisfied Gene Tunney retired as the unbeaten heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis was some one unheard of. If, on his vacating the fistic throne some wide-eyed prognosticator had hinted that there would come along, almost before Gene's gloves had stopped swaying where he had pinned them to the wall in his den, a young Negro stalwart, who would drop out of the skies to re-establish the "million dollar gates," that silly-sounding individual would have been heaved into a strait jacket and carted off to the booby catch.

Louis, sleek limbed, dead-panned, possessed of a tremendous wallop in either hand, had bombed his way up out of the amateurs around Detroit and St. Louis and when, with a great knockout record, he turned professional, the new savior of boxing had arrived!

With the retirement of Tunney, in his wake was Jack Sharkey, the latter probably the more formidable of nine or ten contenders. Indeed there were many who fancied that had Tunney accepted Sharkey instead of Tom Heeney as his last opponent, Gene might not have gone into private life as champion.

Sharkey was a far better warrior than Heeney, who made a sorry effort to glean the title Tunney had taken from the greatest of them all, Jack Dempsey. Tex Rickard permitted Tunney to name his own antagonist and Gene selected the man calculated to give him the least trouble. Whether or not that was Tunney's way of thinking, so it turned out. Heeney was a pushover in the end and at no time had Tunney the least bit harassed.

Let us look over the list of left-over contenders as Tunney stepped down off the throne and recall how they played their parts in the scramble for the drifting title. Compare that list with the present lot of contenders should Louis contemplate retirement as Tunney did.

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JACK SHARKEY as we said before, seemed the one most likely to succeed Tunney. Jack wasn't a knocker-out, yet he had his big moments and when he eventually retired, ring chroniclers were puzzled whether to write Sharkey into ring history as great or not.

For one thing he had dared meet the terror, Harry Wills, and had him so badly whipped that Wills, seeing defeat and his chance to ever get Dempsey into the ring for the title going for all time, began to foul Sharkey against repeated admonitions of the referee and the award went to Sharkey in the 13th.

Winning in this fashion was not to Sharkey's liking and he cried like a baby as he implored the referee to let the fight go on:

"Let me win with a knockout! I've got him going. Let me score by flattening him on the canvas!" But the bout was stopped and some of the glory coming to spunky Sharkey was curtailed. In any case, Sharkey had removed a Dempsey menace whether Dempsey had planned to fight Wills or not.

Gene Tunney, who made plenty and missed more.

Later in this memorable year of 1926, Tunney won the title from Dempsey in a blinding rainstorm in Philadelphia.

Max Schmeling had slipped into New York from Germany, unknown and untried, just about the time Tunney was fixing to retire. He came to America at the suggestion of Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, who, discovering him in Berlin, pleaded with Tex Rickard to give him a chance in this country. But Max, after reaching these shores, suffered a broken hand and for nine months he remained in the seclusion of the camp and it wasn't until Joe Jacobs, visiting the camp to see Andre Routis, the French featherweight in which Joe was interested, was Schmeling really discovered.

I remember Jacobs coming back to New York with the story of that strange discovery because

READS LIKE FICTION

Champions' Progress From Miraculous Dempsey to Dead Pan Louis Is Amazing—Who After Jolting Joe?

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

in telling of the dark-haired stranger, he vowed that the fellow not only looked like Jack Dempsey but could hit like him.

Jacobs "sold" Schmeling to the New York writers on those two qualifications and we who write were really amazed when Jacobs, who had talked his way into the management of the German, brought him to New York for inspection.

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IN 1928, the year in which Tunney retired, Joe Jacobs trotted out his replica of Dempsey in Madison Square Garden and we saw Schmeling crack Joe Monte on the jaw and knock him as cold as a polar bear's snozzle in eight rounds.

The chances are, had Tunney waited just a little longer before retiring, an international match between himself and Schmeling would have outdrawn the bout between Tunney and Tom Heeney which boasted of a take of $691,014, a far cry from the whopper gate of $2,658,668 when Tunney successfully defended his title against Jack Dempsey.

Schmeling and Sharkey then, led the rush after Tunney's title. Heeney, because he had failed against Tunney, was not considered seriously though he joined in the gold rush along with Vittorio Campolo, Primo Carnera, Tommy Loughran, Ernie Schaaf, Young Stribling, Jack Dorval, Jack Delaney, K. O. Christner and Phil Scott. Each and every one of these fellows thought he had a chance to win the title.

With the terror, Jack Dempsey, now out of the way, the road didn't seem so treacherous. Strangely enough, just about the time Sharkey, Schmeling and Carnera were bringing the title business to a boil, first one and then the other ascending to the golden seat, handsome, swashbuckling Max Baer loomed up in California. He had belted over the best of them on the Pacific Coast, killing one man with his fists as a final but unhappy episode in his cry for recognition.

By a strange deal of the cards, this same Baer, having won and lost the title in the meantime, now again, is on the edge of a new group seeking the title held by Joe Louis, at that time unheard of.

Baer had his chance and failed against Louis, yet Baer now insists that he didn't have the proper incentive to urge him on when he fought Louis. He holds the distinction of being the one man who, regardless of how he might again fare against Louis' murderous punches, would draw a tremendous gate against the Negro champion. The reason is obvious. Baer is a dazzling showman.

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EVEN though he capitulated to Louis with shocking submissiveness, Max put on a "show." Always he puts on a show, no matter what he is doing, or where. Handsome, graceful, possessed of a punch even greater than Joe's, in my opinion, the fellow never before had been challenged as to courage. He had met the best of them and it wasn't until he entered the ring, cringing and frightened stiff, was the finger of scorn ever before leveled in his direction.

Despite all this, Baer is the "key" man and must so remain in all the plans which Mike Jacobs is formulating. Mike, on a flying trip to California recently, tried to pin Baer down to a promise to fight himself into position to challenge Louis. Baer, his brother, Buddy, and manager, Ancil Hoffman, were about to sail to Honolulu to do a little "exhibition" barnstorming. Baer's answer to Jacobs when Mike tried to get him to stay and agree to fight the winner of the Tommy Farr and Lou Nova bout, was that he had beaten Farr, the one man who had succeeded in sticking the title distance of fifteen rounds with Louis.

Jack Dempsey, author of the million dollar gate.

In a measure, Baer was justified in taking his stand because he was promised another fight with Louis should he defeat Tonypandy Tommy. The New York Commission wanted further victorious action on Baer's part. They haven't forgiven him for the Louis go.

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JACK SHARKEY and Max Schmeling started all the blooming row when they came together for Tunney's left-over title two years after Gene had retired to a country gentleman's farm in Connecticut. There was no question that Tunney was absolutely through with the sport. He was wealthy, far more than other retiring champions, and besides he had married into riches with his retirement.

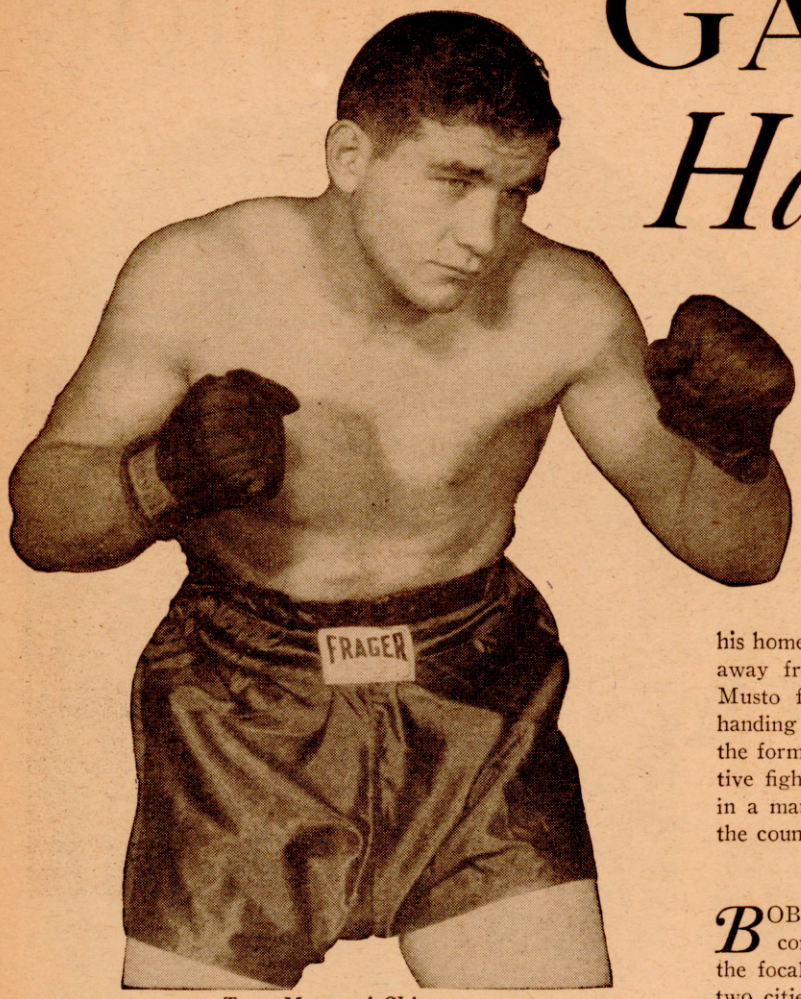
Only once did Tunney show any desire to come back to the ring and he came within an ace of doing it after Schmeling had acquired the vacated title on a foul in the fourth round against Sharkey!

The writer knows that Tunney, possibly wounded in pride that a foreigner had succeeded to his throne, sent for his training tack and had begun serious conditioning *(Continued on page 46)*

GALENTO *Has Rival*

Tony Musto, Another Pudgy Member of Heavyweight Ranks, Has Rolled Up a Long String of Victories—Resembles Johnny Risko In Action

By GENE ENGEL



Tony Musto of Chicago

TONY MUSTO is a name simple in texture but dynamic inside the squared circle. Tony is a descendant of Italian parentage, his folks hailing from Naples, Italy. Musto, like Tony Galento, is an undersized athlete for a heavyweight, standing only 5 feet 8½ inches, but he weighs 199 pounds.

Musto hits from any angle with telling effect. Although not possessing the "sock" of Joe Louis, Max Baer or Tony Galento, he is a hard hitter. Make no mistake about Tony's power, as he can biff with plenty on the ball, but doesn't rely on one punch to end a fracas. Tony pitches some 200 gloves per round, and most of them find the mark. He seldom gives an opponent an opportunity to get set.

Musto is of the plodder school. The old-timers who have watched him in Chicago say he is a close resemblance in action to Johnny Risko, who, it will be remembered, went a long way in the heavyweight ranks. He has a flat-footed stance, bores in, and, with short arm hooks and a good right-hand uppercut, makes plenty of trouble for his opponent. He is another Tony Galento in build, but unlike Jersey's Tony, he fights differently. He may still be crude, but he doesn't depend, like the Jerseyite, wholly on wild swinging. His method is a far more effective one.

Tony, who reached his twenty-second birthday on December 3, has been engaging in professional contests for a period of fifteen months, in which time he has triumphed twenty times in a row. His inaugural assignment ended in a draw. And a few weeks ago he was outpointed by Tom Kenneally in 8 rounds.

Musto, in his debut into the money ranks, was pitted opposite the late Jack Fargo. Immediately after that draw, Tony's brother-in-law, Joe Falbo, his manager, signed Tony to fight Carl Vinciquerra, who at the time was the possessor of twenty-nine consecutive victories, and what Tony meted out to Jack Hurley's Vinciquerra is now history. He then conquered Dutch Ullmer in six rounds at White City Arena.

Following this victory, Musto couldn't land an opponent in his home burg, and that's why he fought his next seventeen battles away from the homestead. Incidentally, after the Vinciquerra-Musto fray, Tony and his brother-in-law called it quits, Joe handing the contract over to Bob Capocy and Billy Williams, the former the brains of the Musto entourage. Capocy, a diminutive fight pilot, but one who, with seventeen years of experience in a managerial capacity, has established connections throughout the country, and as a result, Tony has been kept busy.

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BOB started Tony off in Texas, where the majority of his confabs have been manifested. Houston and Dallas were the focal points of his rise in a fistic way. Tony, between these two cities, clashed in four preliminaries, stopping all four of his foemen, among them being Art Sykes, whom he kayoed in three rounds.

Commencing with his first ten-rounder, Tony became the rage of Texas. He numbered among his victims, Jack Thompson, who is now fighting under the name of Dallas' Max Roesch (twice); J. D. Turner, Salvatore Ruggierello, Pio Pico, Mexico's heavyweight champion, and Tyrus Smith, the Indian with a thrust that lands in a sledgehammer fashion.

In Musto's second appearance against Roesch, Tony fractured his right wrist, which necessitated the curtailment of his boxing activity for two months. Roesch, at the time, was state champion, but was relieved of that honor by Chicago's One-Ton-Tony. After this rest, Tony was brought back by Promoter Dick Griffin of Dallas to face Pat McDuff, who was the only remaining obstacle to Musto's supremacy in that state.

Tony won handily, and with the announcement of the verdict, was presented with a diamond belt emblematic of the heavyweight championship of Texas. Mentor Capocy was well satisfied with Tony's success and thus sought new achievements for his protege. St. Louis was next considered.

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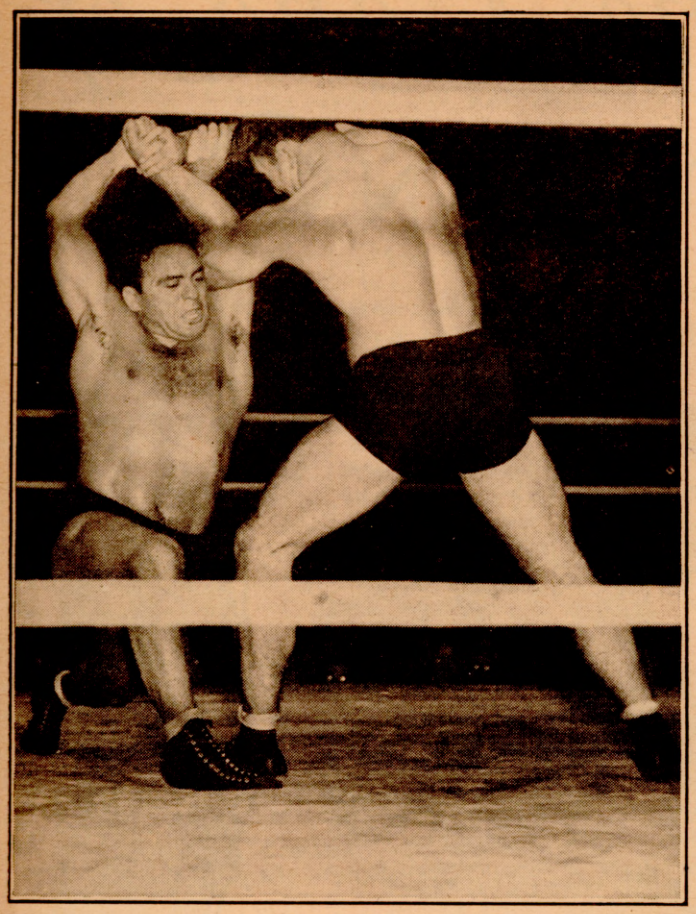
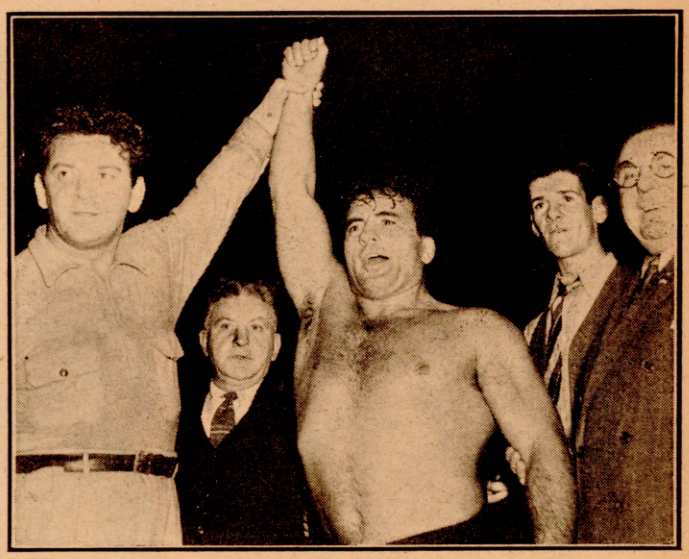
MUSTO clashed with Leonard Bostick, huge colored hombre, who was kayoed in the sixth. Art Oliver, a former Golden Gloves champ, who holds a decision over ex-champion of the world Max Baer, was the loser against Musto in the next fight. Then Promoter Fabro pitted Musto against Hank Bath and the latter was stowed away in seven stanzas. Tony then received a well-deserved rest before his national upset victory over the towering Argentinian, Jorge Brescia, at Dallas a few weeks ago.

Returning home to Chicago, Tony was paired with Max Marek, tough C. Y. O. clouter, who holds a National A. A. U. victory over champion Joe Louis. Marek, usually the aggressor in a fight, back-pedaled no little. *(Continued on page 47)*

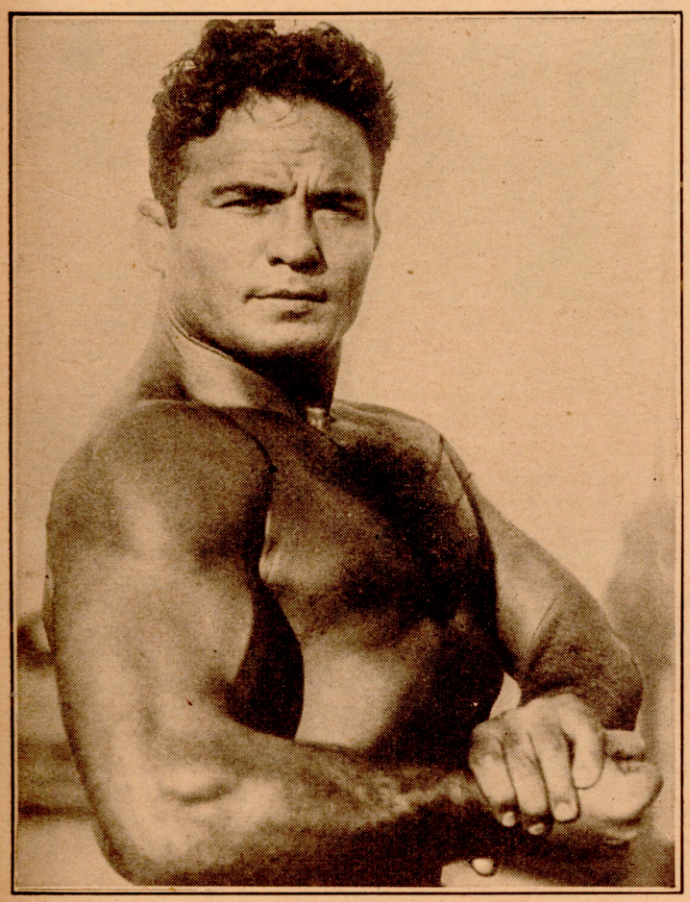
JEEMY IS *Champion Again*



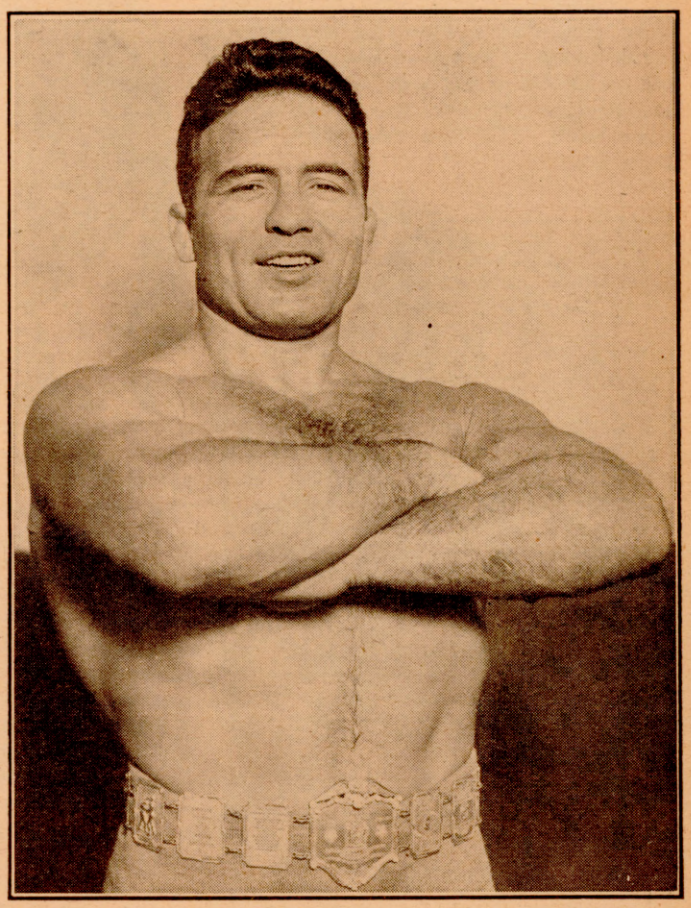
Londos seems to have Nagurski guessing in that bout in which the Greek Adonis beat Bronko for the heavyweight wrestling title in Philadelphia.



Here we see Referee Clark acclaiming Jeemy the titleholder once more.



This Londos guy certainly was favored by Dame Nature when she gave out muscles.



Champion again, Londos wears that classic Grecian smile as he contemplates a kind world.

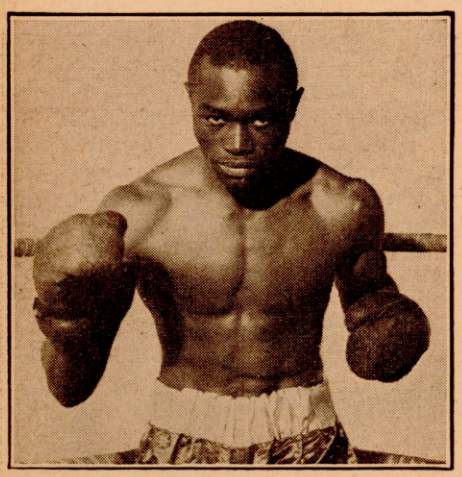
Australia the Land of Sportsmen

By EDDIE BORDEN

SYDNEY, Australia (By Air Mail to THE RING)—Almost five months have passed since I embarked on my adventure to the Land of the Kangaroo to see and to study the boxing situation in a country of true sportsmanship. During my many years of association with THE RING Editor, I had heard from him and from others who, like him, had traveled extensively, about the prowess of THE RING Magazine in every land where boxing is followed, but not until I spent several months in this glorious country where the Manly Art of Self-Defense is really appreciated, did I actually learn what our little publication means to boxing, world wide. If ever there was a Bible of Boxing, THE RING is that book.

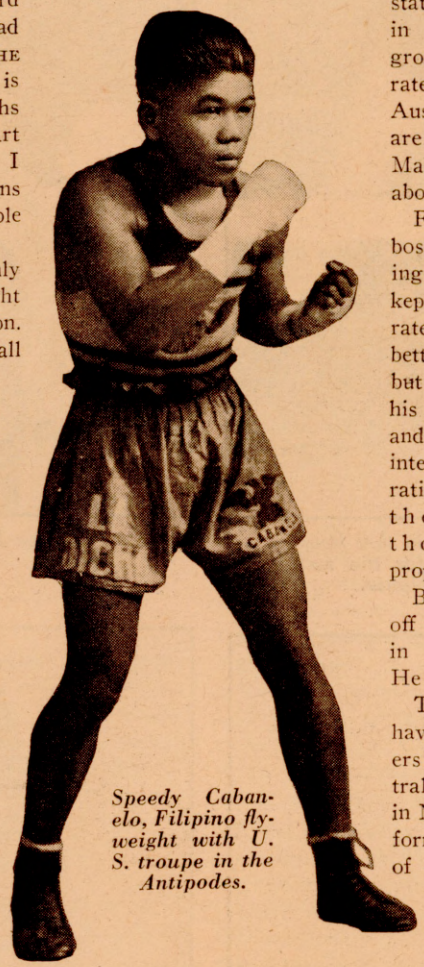
News from America comes to Australia only in small "takes." Only space to a heavyweight championship bout is accorded unusual attention. Bouts in all other divisions receive only small notice.

When the people of Australia, New Zealand and New South Wales want their boxing news from other parts of the world, they turn to THE RING. It is their Bible of Boxing. They devour its contents. When the latest issue arrives, it takes only a few hours before every copy on the leading stands is sold and in the gymnasiums, the fight clubs, the managers' and promoters' offices where such copies are to be found, it isn't unusual to see a gathering absorbing the contents, all huddled around one corner where the news is read by one and the listeners' ears are cocked to get every word. The fight fans digest THE RING news.



Allen Matthews, St. Louis middleweight, making a hit in Australia.

IT was a subject of keen delight to me to know that the efforts of THE RING staff have not been in vain. New York's Boxing Commission, Colonel Kilpatrick and Mike Jacobs, may not appreciate the work of Nat Fleischer on behalf of the sport to which he has devoted a lifetime, but I dare say without fear of contradiction that if THE RING Editor were to make a journey to Australia and New Zealand where he has not yet been, he will be received with a welcome such is accorded a royal personage. That's how much the fight fans from Down Under think of THE RING and its staff, regardless of what they might call our lack of appreciation for some of their talent as compared to ours.



Speedy Cabanelo, Filipino flyweight with U. S. troupe in the Antipodes.

In this respect, I shall go on record with the statement that we in America have grossly underrated the stars of Australia. They are real fighters. Make no mistake about that.

For years my boss has been harping on that and he kept urging me to rate the Australians better than I did, but I couldn't see his point of view and since he never interfered with my ratings, I allotted the positions I thought were proper.

But I now take off my hat to him in his judgment. He was correct.

They may not have as many fighters of note in Australia as we have in New York, California and several of our other leading boxing centers, but those that are in the top-flight section compare favorably with our best. Ron Richards is of that school.

Ossie Stewart, star U. S. middleweight, latest arrival in the Land of Down Under.

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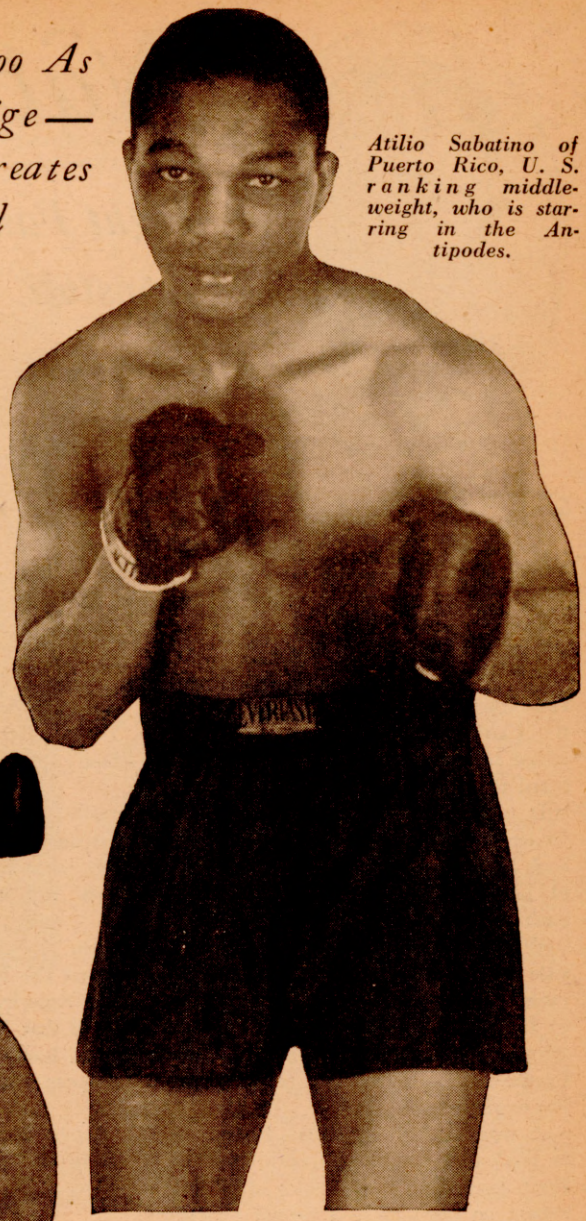
WHAT Australia needed most of all during the past few years was high class competition. To get it, the necessity of having its best boys clash with the leaders of other countries, primarily American stars, was paramount. It took a long time to get a real invasion started, but now that the American lads are on the scene, eager to get some Australian pounds and also a change of scenery, the Australian fight public has become more boxing minded than since the days when the great Les Darcy was at the top, and as a result, boxing again has taken a firm hold here.

With Allen Matthews, Gus Lesnevich, Ossie Stewart, Atilio Sabatino, George Simpson, Kid Irish, Star Frisco, Speedy Cabanelo, Johnny Hutchinson, Jackie Wilson, Tony Dupre and Sammy Garcia of the American and Filipino contingent, and Syd Brown of the British West Indies, Tommy Martin of England and several other British boys on their way, Australia will be the fistic center in the lighter divisions during the winter and spring months. Mike Jacobs may be cornering the market on the heavyweight stock, which wouldn't go big here because of lack of talent, but the cream of the other divisions, the best of the contenders, will be seen in action here, God's country for sportsmanship.

Eddie Borden Sees the Land of the Kangaroo As Vying With America for Boxing Prestige— Influx of U. S. Stars in Lighter Division Creates Wide Interest in Sport — Sabatino and Matthews, Big Hits

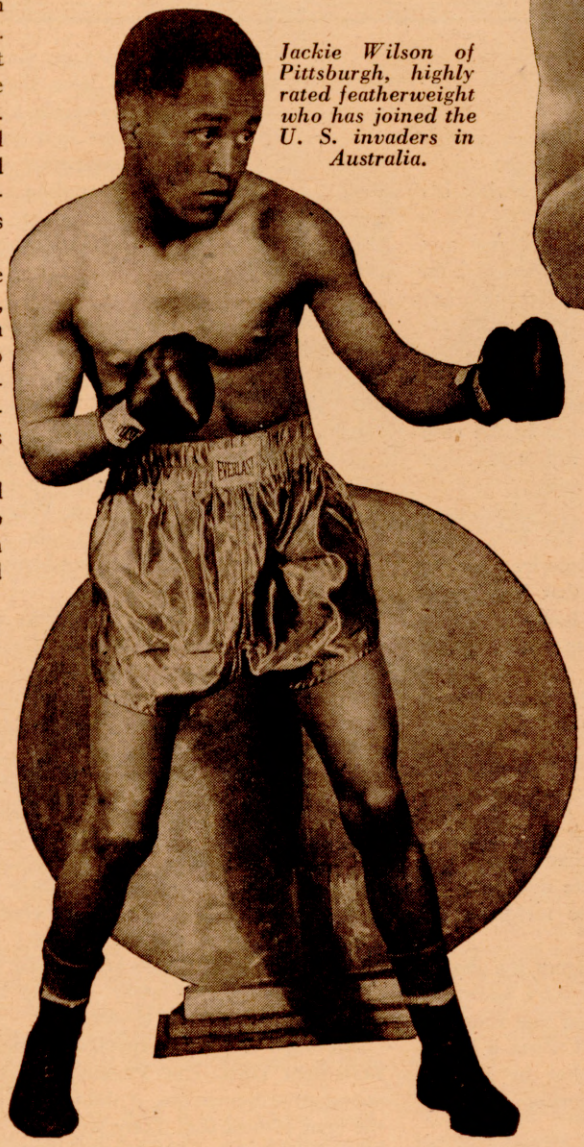


Atilio Sabatino of Puerto Rico, U. S. ranking middleweight, who is starring in the Antipodes.

George Barnes of Brisbane is looking after Alabama Kid for Joe Herman while he is in Australia. Billy Newman looks after the affairs of Sabatino and is doing a good job. George Wilsman is here with Allen Matthews and Kid Irish. Ossie Stewart, the latest arrival, is here under the escort of Eugene Adams. Speedy Cabanelo, a rugged Filipino bantam, is looked after by Jack Corbett until Harry Goodman returns from the Philippines.

Harry Stone, one-time New York lightweight star, who fought when Leach Cross and Young Otto were in their prime, manages to keep busy in looking after the importations in the gymnasium.

Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis are the ones who are being quizzed about in this country. The fans and writers alike have an instinctive liking for Homicide Hank. They would love to see him in this country, but there is no one he could fight here.



Jackie Wilson of Pittsburgh, highly rated featherweight who has joined the U. S. invaders in Australia.

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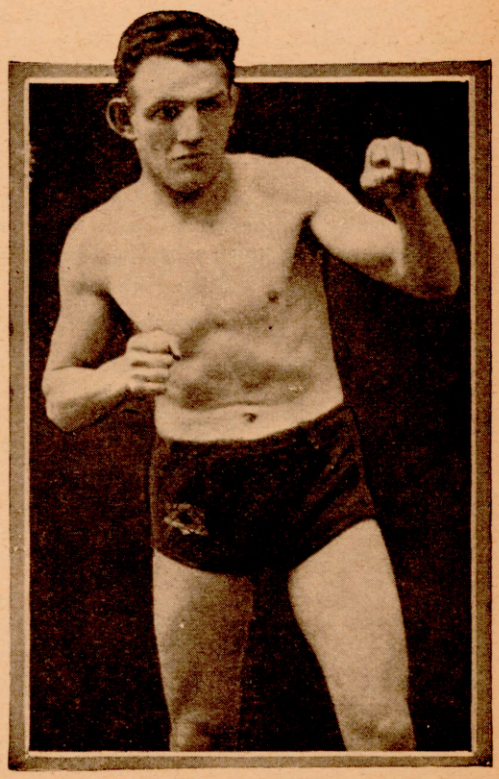
AUSTRALIA has been a revelation to me, because I was so thoroughly sold on everything American that I couldn't see the boys of any other country comparing in ability to our lads. But I've seen the light. I came, learned, and have been convinced that there are other great boxing centers in the world besides those controlled by Mike Jacobs and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

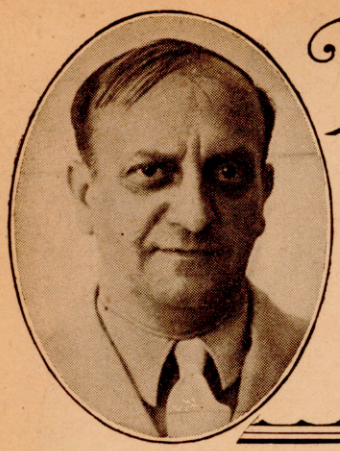
From a cable I received from Nat Fleischer, I learned that unfortunately my story on the Lesnevich-Richards, Henneberry-Matthews and other important contests of November and late October arrived too late for publication in the December or January issues, hence here is a little review of what has taken place since I left New York:

After four postponements, stretching over a period of seven weeks, the twelve-round contest between Gus Lesnevich and Ron Richards, middle and light-heavyweight champion of Australia, was finally staged at the Sydney Sports Ground. An injury to Richards and climatic conditions delayed the fight for weeks, but when it did take place, it was something worth waiting for.

Richards won after a gruelling *(Continued on page 47)*



Harry Stone, American fighter now making his home in Australia. He is one of the leading trainers there.



Nat FLEISCHER says:

Fight Fans Are Afflicted with Strange Malady
Apostoli the Uncrowned Middleweight King
Manufacture of Synthetic Titles Continues

THERE is no let-up in the synthetic manufacture of boxing titles. Despite the fact that Peter Kane of England is the legitimate world flyweight king by virtue of his victory over the American champion, Jackie Jurich, the California Boxing Commission has crowned Little Dado of the Philippines the world crown wearer following his ten-round victory over Small Montana.

Of course, no one who follows boxing closely will pay any attention to the claim of the new "champ." But, by naming him, the California state board, like its New York colleagues, has added to the confusion created when the Empire State body refused to recognize Kane as title-holder.

It is a pitiful state of affairs when otherwise sensible sports writers fall in line with unknowing commissioners in accepting such absurd rulings as those that were recently made in the case of Kane, the vacating of John Henry Lewis' title and other such silliness.

Wherein had Small Montana or Little Dado any right to a title claim? Do the California commissioners and the New York moguls forget that Small Montana lost his American crown to Jackie Jurich in a title bout on the Coast and that Jurich was knocked out by Kane, the leading European, in a bout recognized by the British Board of Control and the European bodies as for the world honors?

A world title bout it was, because Jurich, despite his knockout at the hands of Benny Lynch, who scaled far beyond the weight limit, according to the rules of the sport had won the flyweight crown on the scales—a proper procedure.

The best that can be claimed for Dado is that he is the California champion, just as Archibald is the New York State featherweight title-holder. Leo Rodak is the N.B.A. champion in the same class, Solly Krieger is the Washington State middleweight king, and Fred Apostoli is the New York State middleweight title-holder.

It is high time that boxing writers cut loose from the crazy-quilt rulings of errant boxing commissioners who don't know the fundamentals of the sport over which they rule, and that they use better judgment in keeping the records straight. Calling a boxer a champion simply because he has been so dubbed by a commission, is the height of folly. Let's get back to common sense.

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WHEN the New York Boxing Commission permitted Mike Jacobs to arrange the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis match the impression gained was that Lewis had abdicated his throne to make peace with the commission, and drop the $100,000 suit against that body in return for the privilege of fighting the Brown Bomber. But I am informed by John Henry that such is not the case. Win or lose the Louis fight, John Henry intends to retain his light-heavyweight title until such time as he loses it in the ring.

That certainly changes things. When the match was made, I was told that Lewis had fought his last battle as a light-heavyweight. I accepted the elimination tournament which the New York moguls had ordered with Tiger Jack Fox, Al Gainer and Melio Bettina as the logical one to determine the successor to John Henry.

But so long as Lewis refuses to abdicate and can make the weight, as he proved in his fight with Gainer, whom he whipped easily in fifteen rounds in New Haven two months ago, he remains the world light-heavyweight king. The New York eliminations will determine only the first challenger. If Tiger Fox, who disposed of Gainer in an unsatisfactory bout, should whip Bettina, then he will remain the outstanding challenger, and nothing more, unless Lewis should give up the title, in which case the winner of the Fox-Bettina bout would gain international recognition as new champion.

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THE revocation of Harry Thomas' boxing license in Pennsylvania, following his poor performance in his bout with Tony Galento, was merited. Jules Aronson, chairman of the commission, is to be commended for his action. A year ago Thomas rated high among the heavyweights but since his knockout at the hands of Joe Louis, he has assumed the role of a human punching bag. Entering the ring merely to obtain his share of the gate is not what Harry is paid for. When he faced Tony Galento at Convention Hall, 12,000 fans who attended the affair expected at least to be treated to a semblance of a fight, but they were sadly disappointed.

They gave vent to their feelings after the "knockout" in the third round by boos, catcalls and tossing paper all over the arena. The performance was so amateurish that even a schoolboy without any knowledge of boxing, could have sensed the build-up. The outburst of derision from the 12,000 spectators that followed the knockout, seemed justified. Two Ton Tony had Thomas down five times in that session when Referee Tommy O'Keefe halted the unequal affair. Then followed the wild disorder with the fans rushing pell-mell toward the ring, hurling its paper balls at the retiring Thomas.

Thomas went down several times from punches that wouldn't have dropped a raw novice and when he went down for the last time, he wasn't even hit. He was getting up at the count of eight after the fifth knockdown and fell to his knees again with Galento several feet away. It was then that the referee wisely called a halt to avoid a riot.

Although the affair enabled Galento, who was engaging in his first fight since Kid Pneumonia dropped him, to make it six consecutive knockouts, it didn't add any to his prestige. In fact, the bout proved that Tony will have a mighty tough time to fight himself back into a position of challenger for the world title. He was sluggish, slow and could not have lasted two rounds against Joe Louis.

Even with the little exertion to which he was put by Thomas, Galento seemed winded. There could be no doubt but that the siege of pneumonia had left its mark on the roly-poly Jerseyite. He'll have to show far more than he did against the Eagle Bend heavyweight to get a crack at Joe Louis' title. He proved that conclusively in his next fight with Otis Thomas in which he scored a K.O. in the ninth after being declared the loser on a foul in the eighth.

The N.B.A., which has named Galento its No. 1 challenger, realizes Tony's shortcomings. The return of Tony's $10,000 deposit for a fight with the champion, indicates the trend in the N.B.A. despite the assertion of Executive Secretary Ed Foster that the money was returned because he found that his association had a ruling against acceptance of challenge money.

THE Apostoli-Corbett fight proved what THE RING Editor has so strongly asserted on many occasions, the superiority of Apostoli over the rest of the world middleweights. While boxing commissions and sports writers were ignoring the rules of the sport by naming champions haphazardly, THE RING stood its ground and refused to acknowledge Freddie Steele or any of his successors, basing its contention on the defeat of Marcel Thil, then the legitimate world title-holder, by Fred Apostoli in a New York contest. Only the fact that Apostoli was forced by the New York commission to sign a contract stipulating that the bout was not for the crown, though both challenger and champion came in at the championship weight, prevented Fred from annexing the laurels.

Now Apostoli has proved to the world that THE RING'S stand was a correct one. He is the uncrowned champion and not until Solly Krieger, who already has been stopped by the Californian, can gain the verdict over Apostoli, can he have any claim to the world title.

The fight proved also that the fans of New York will boycott fights in which they are asked to cough up far more money for an admission than the fight is worth. If the Apostoli-Corbett contest was worth only $7.70 tops when Mike Jacobs first announced the match, then it certainly was not worth one penny more after he had obtained the permission of the boxing commission to raise its standard to a "championship" match, which it was not. Had the original top price remained, I believe the Garden would have been a sellout or close to it. Of course such increase could not have been possible except for the curious bow of the commission.

The raise in price should serve as a lesson to Mike Jacobs and to the Boxing Commission. The fans resented the 100 per cent increase and clearly showed its resentment by staying at home and listening in on the radio—something I did in Cuba where I heard the details through the voice of Sam Taub of Adams' Hats and Bill Stern, just as clearly as I do when I'm sitting at Stern's side in the Garden. My scoresheet from Taub's description gave Corbett three rounds, and the rest to the victor.

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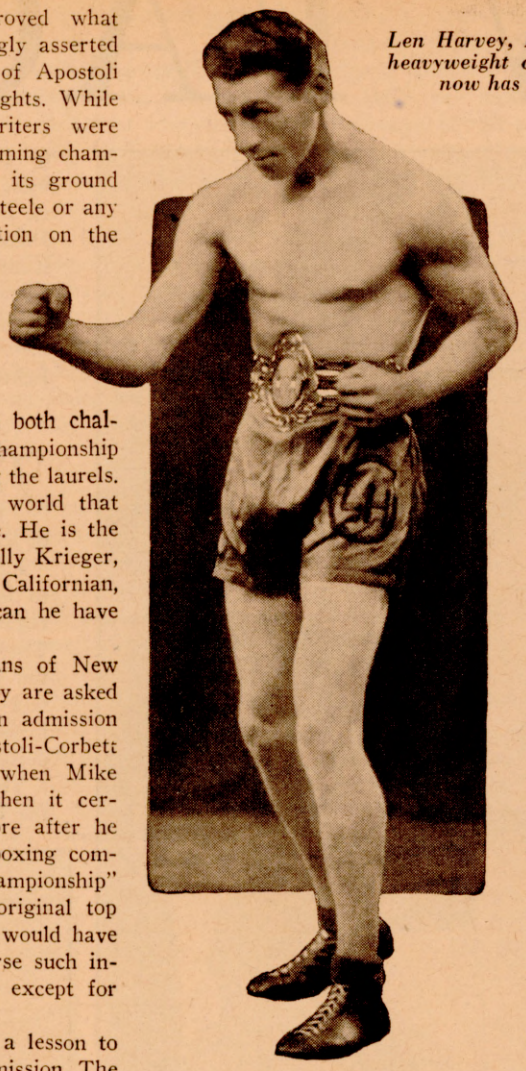
REGARDING the Apostoli-Corbett go, THE RING hereby takes occasion to decry the attitude shown, and many of the comments made, by both press and critics, after Fred's conclusive victory. Instead of acclaiming the man who has so decisively demonstrated his superiority over the rest of his rivals, Fred was unjustly criticized.

Equally mystifying was the volley of boos that cascaded down from the Garden rafters when Apostoli's victory was announced. Perhaps Apostoli had disappointed them by stopping the man who had been good enough to win a decision over him out on the Coast. Corbett's recent fine performances were completely forgotten, as well as the fact that this was only the second time he had been stopped in his long career in the prize ring.

Although the canny Fresno southpaw with the style that is difficult to fathom, had won every fight he has had in the past year, he suddenly became a decrepit old man the instant he was counted out. Both customers and critics openly disregarded the obvious fact that Apostoli's ability, rather than Corbett's years, had caused the result. They also overlooked the fact that young or old, Corbett was universally regarded as the No. 3 man in the middleweight class due to his recent good work, and instead of praise for so handily disposing of his most dangerous rival, Apostoli received censure. Why? That's difficult to answer. I wonder why it is that fighters of good reputation are so often booed!



Len Harvey, British Empire heavyweight champion, who now has two titles.

THE RING Editor feels that recent developments among the 160-pounders prove convincingly that his refusal to recognize Steele, Hostak or Solly Krieger as world's middleweight champion as long as Apostoli remains unbeaten, holds water. While THE RING regards Krieger as a good man whose victory over Hostak was genuinely scored, Apostoli has shown such decisive superiority over every middleweight in the world, that Solly's claims can not be regarded as valid in our eyes.

Not even great middleweights like Greb and Walker ever swept the field as clean of competition as has the Californian. The one-time amateur champion of America has stopped three of the men who have or have had claims to the middleweight title. He twice beat Krieger, the present claimant, stopping him the last time. He stopped the Frenchman, Marcel Thil, world title-holder for several years. He stopped Freddy Steele, recognized in America as champion at the time. He stopped Young Corbett, and twice beat the tough Glen Lee. If ever anybody deserved the name of "uncrowned champion," Apostoli is the man, and what is his reward for these standout accomplishments? Boos from those who should praise him.

Krieger's recent defeat by Billy Conn makes Apostoli's claims even more logical.

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FURTHER proof that many fight fans are unreasonable came in the same Garden ring just one week after the Apostoli fight. Like Fred just a few days previously, Armstrong, after a most courageous and amazing performance, was subjected to a storm of abuse when his hand was held up as winner over Ceferino Garcia after fifteen gruelling rounds.

The only possible reason for the attitude of the fans toward both Apostoli and Armstrong must be the monotonous success of these fighters. It's usually the case. The boys are simply paying the penalty for being too good.

Human nature being what it is, nothing succeeds like success when it comes to arousing a dislike for the successful ones in the minds of many. Certainly there seems to be no other reason for the antipathy shown toward both these great assets to pugilism.

If the stormy reception handed Apostoli was bad, the hullabaloo of boos and hisses that greeted Armstrong's triumph was even worse. Imagine a man conceding a puncher of Garcia's proportions 12½ pounds, yet carrying the fight to his large foe for fifteen rounds, coming back from the brink of a knockout to drive the big Filipino before him, and winning a unanimous decision over one of the most dangerous men in the business only to receive as a reward a torrent of hoots and catcalls!

Many of those present seemed to think that Henry should have discarded his own style and played into the hands of his rival by fighting as Garcia would have liked it. They wanted to see Garcia's bone-shattering "bolo" punch landed and when Armstrong didn't give Ceferino the opportunity, they booed him. Unmindful of the huge disparity in weights, these partisan individuals forgot all about the handicaps Henry was laboring under.

Garcia's inability to finish Henry in the cyclonic twelfth round seemed to aggravate matters with the result the fans vented their disappointment not on the Filipino but on one of the greatest of modern fighters—Homicide Hank. Why, I again ask? Let's be fair, boys.

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NEW FACES

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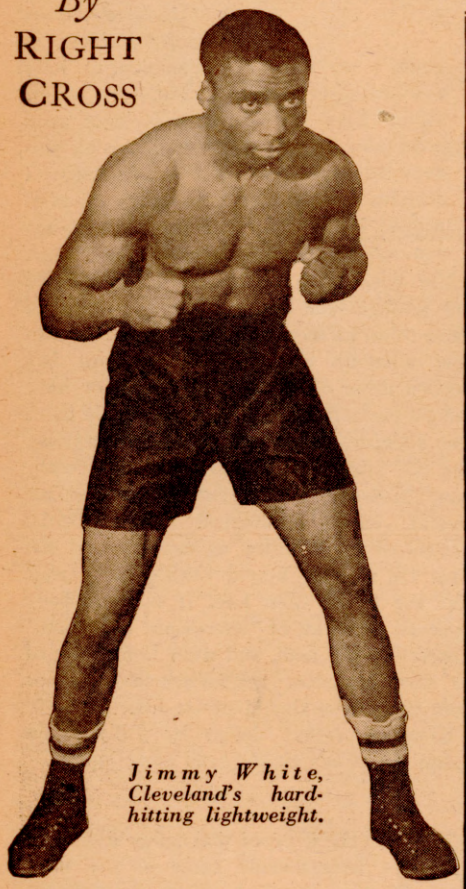
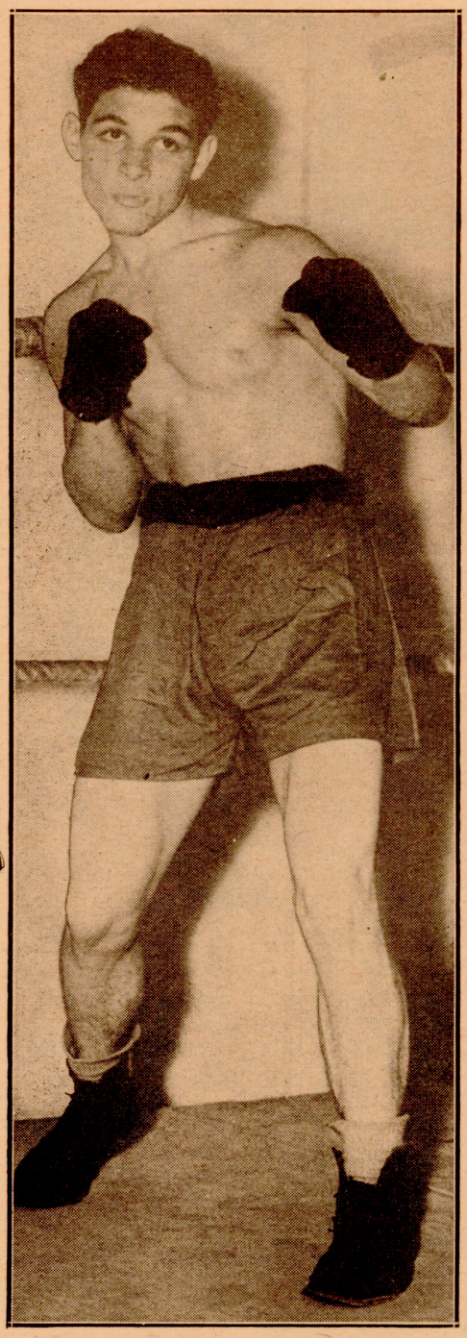


Jimmy White, Cleveland's hard-hitting lightweight.



Sammy Magro, Dixie lightweight.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, has returned to the fistic map with a vengeance. The city that once boasted being the capital of Dixie boxing, and virtually passed out of the picture with the death of Young Stribling and the retirement of Battling Bozo, is offering its support to the sport again in a manner that indicates Birmingham will retrieve its lost laurels ere long. To Jimmy Erwin, the promoter, goes the honor of bringing the city back to life pugilistically.

Jimmy, manager of the former world's featherweight king, Petey Sarron, has gained the confidence of the people in whose midst he operates, and with excellent cards, well matched boys pitted against each other, new faces ever on parade, the citizens are turning out as of old to offer Erwin their whole-hearted support. Erwin, who also manages Buck Everett, Southern heavyweight king, has taken kindly to THE RING'S heavyweight tournament and has started a series of eliminations to determine the best boy in that division not only for Alabama, but in the South Atlantic States.

THE RING publisher has granted Erwin permission to stage the heavyweight eliminations and when he has completed these and has found the two best men either to fight for the championship of Alabama or for the South Atlantic section, THE RING publisher will go down to Birmingham to offer a RING Belt to the champion. But Erwin is not confining himself wholly to heavyweights. He knows that they are scarce and that to keep up the interest in boxing he must furnish good lads in other divisions to complete his shows and he has found some high class talent to furnish the entertainment. His best bets, boys who have been thrilling the fans of Birmingham, are Sammy Magro, an Italian lightweight, who has yet to be defeated since turning professional; and Darse Robertson, newly crowned featherweight champion of Dixie. Both are hard hitters and possess everything a good fighter should carry into the ring.

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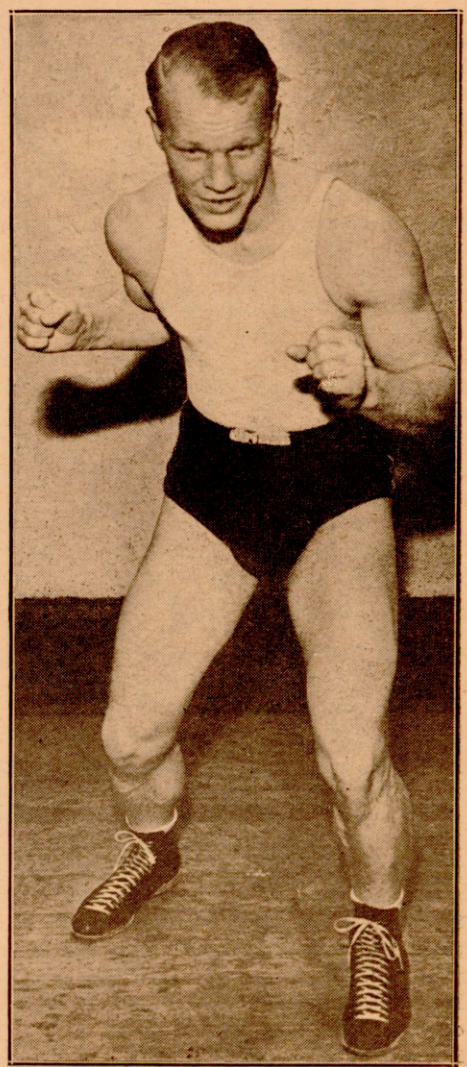
JOHNNY PUTMAN, talented sports columnist of Birmingham, writing of the revival in his city, has this to say of Robertson and Magro:

Fight fanatics of Birmingham still refer to the "good old times" when the city was regarded as the boxing capital of Dixie. Those were exciting days, all right, but the inference isn't exactly correct. The fact is Birmingham rates No. 1 position in Southern boxing now by even a more decisive margin.

There have been three periods when the city enjoyed prosperity in pugilism. First was the time Claudie Wilson and Petey Sarron teamed up to give us two of Dixie's three ace attractions. The third (or top) fighter was, of course, Young Willie Stribling. Sarron went on to win the world's featherweight championship which he lost last winter to



Red Farmer, Honolulu middleweight, now in California.

Henry Armstrong. Wilson never took his profession seriously and consequently faded out of the picture.

Next came the Battling Bozo era—the period generally referred to as the "good old days." It was exactly that, the Bozo era, for the East Lake clown proved to be the one fighter who struck the fans' imagination. Sarron also was popular but when he fought only the very best opponents made it an acceptable match and costs were prohibitive.

That brings us up to the present, which hasn't yet established whether it should be known as the "Sammy Magro," "Darse Robertson" or "Jimmy Erwin" era. All three of these gents have contributed heavily to current boxing successes. Magro and Robertson monopolize the headlines, and draw the cheers, but Matchmaker Erwin's careful matching and bulldog persistence probably are the main factors. He raised a prosperous, standout fight club from ruins—although a number of local boxing authorities warned him it couldn't be done.

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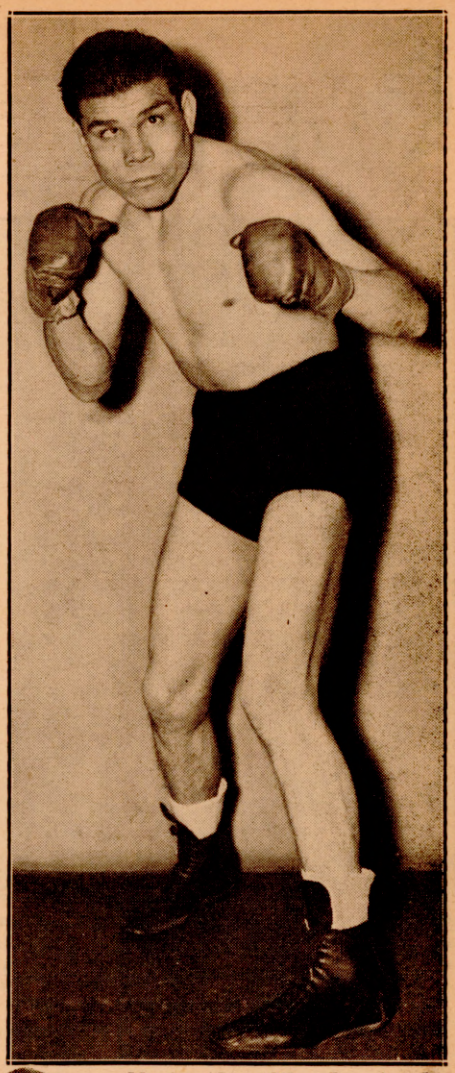
MAGRO received the first assignment and knocked out Lou Jallos in three rounds. There followed the one case of stalling charged to Erwin. He couldn't believe his eyes, and fearing the kayo was a fluke, decided to give Sammy a mediocre opponent, Ray Gentry, of Atlanta. Another knockout and Jimmy started to town with the little Italian puncher. Ray Ingram of Washington, Baby Manuel of Cuba, and finally Emil Cody of Seattle were brought here. Magro outpointed Ray, knocked out Manuel in 57 seconds and battled Cody even for eight rounds.

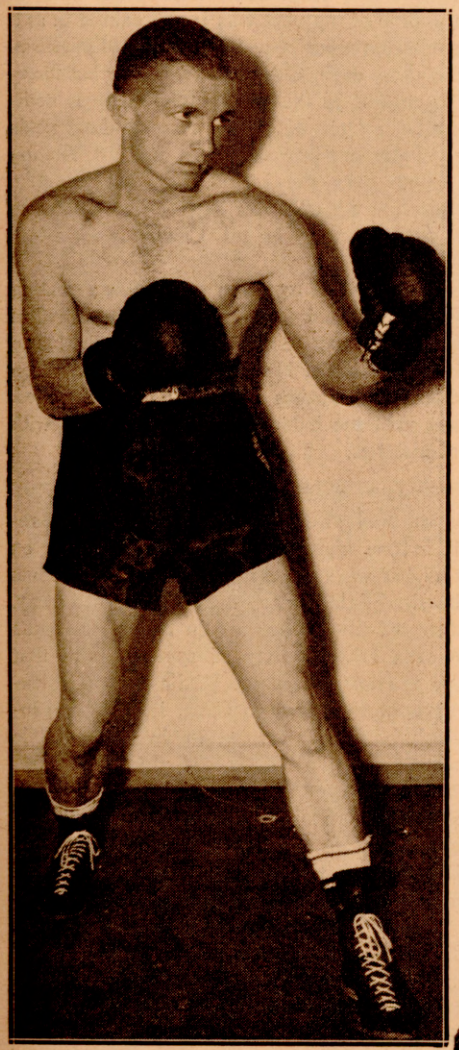
For a green 18-year-old boy to meet and defeat Jallos, Ingram and Manuel and draw with Cody in the brief space of five months comes under the heading of a ring miracle. Credit for the miracle may be attributed to Sammy's lethal punch, hard work, and brilliant handicapping on the part of Erwin. Also, maybe a dash of luck. Anyway Magro has been tagged as far away as New York as a sensational "comer" of the lightweight division.

While Magro was coming through his sink-or-swim tests, a couple of clever Bessemer featherweights settled their feud of long standing and the ultimate winner, Darse Robertson, emerged ready to spurt toward the top.

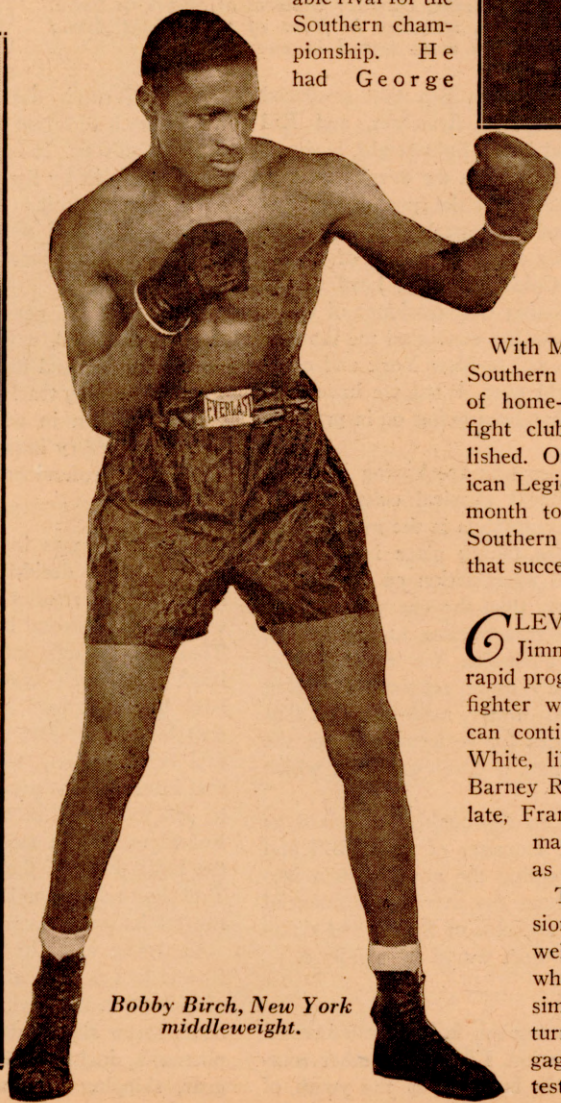
On the same sink-or-swim trial plan, Darse grew to headline proportions and climaxed a spurt by knocking out his only formidable rival for the Southern championship. He had George Murla of New Orleans defeated, even before putting him down for the count in the ninth stanza. In his previous match, Darse won from Nino Falzone, local favorite.



Mexican Joey Silva, Los Angeles featherweight.



Darse Robertson, Dixie feather king.



Bobby Birch, New York middleweight.

With Magro, Robertson and Petey Sarron, Southern lightweight king, heading his list of home-grown headliners, Erwin has his fight club permanently and securely established. Only recently he moved the American Legion's schedule of shows from two-a-month to once-a-week. None of the other Southern fight centers has had anything like that success.

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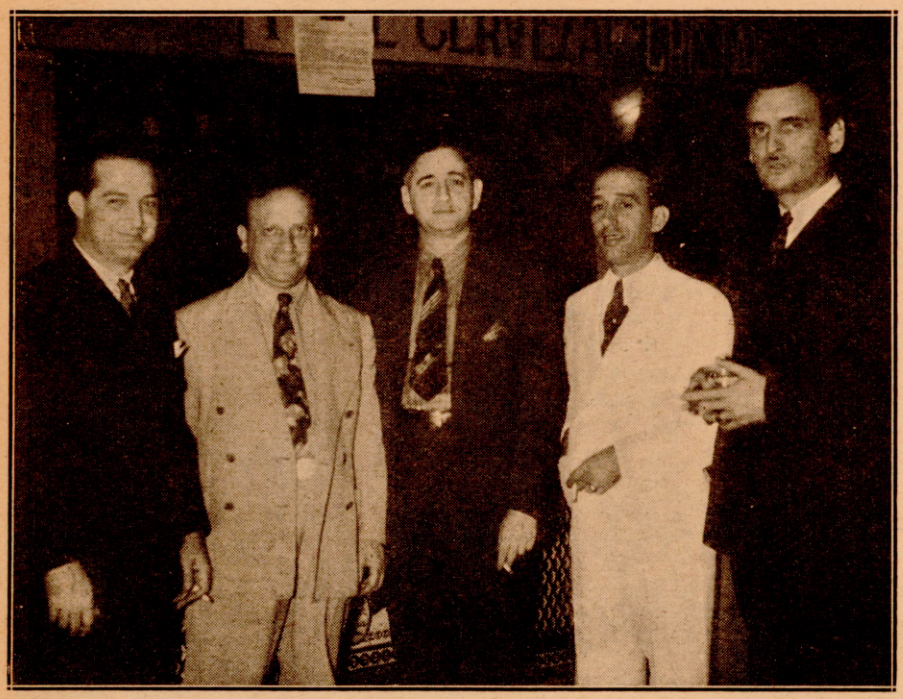
CLEVELAND has a young lightweight, Jimmy White, who has been making rapid progress. He is a two-fisted, hard-hitting fighter who seems destined to climb if he can continue at the rate he is now going. White, like Tony Canzoneri, Jackie Fields, Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong, Kid Chocolate, Frankie Genaro and many others who made their way to the top, started out as an amateur.

Though he has been fighting professionally only for a short time, he is well known through the Middle West where he rolled up a record as a simon-pure seldom equalled. Before turning to the money ranks, White engaged in a total of 169 amateur contests and *(Continued on page 48)*

CUBA *Shows the Way*



Gene Castro, secretary of the Boxing Commission; Nat Fleischer, Dr. Domenech, Secretary of Labor; Commandant Jaime Marine, Director General of Sports in Cuba, and Luis Gutierrez, Boxing Commissioner, standing in front of the Cristal Arena where three championship bouts were staged in one evening.

CUBA, the island in the Caribbean Sea that produced two splendid boxers, Black Bill, flyweight, and Kid Chocolate, featherweight and junior lightweight, is showing the way to its bigger brethren in the development of boxers. Nowhere in the world where the sport of pugilism is followed, has a system been devised that equals that organized by the Direccion De Deportes, under the supervision of Major Jaime Marine, Chief Assistant to Colonel Batista, head of the Cuban Army, and Luis Gutierrez, Boxing Commissioner of Cuba.

One month's study of boxing in Cuba has convinced me that the Cuban government has something to sell to New York and other leading boxing commissions the world over. What we have been fighting for over a stretch of years has been going on in progressive Cuba.

Schools for the development of those who are boxing inclined; gymnasium supervision under competent physical culture directors; daily medical examinations of contestants in the gymnasiums for one week prior to a fight, these taking place immediately preceding the daily workout; a final examination on the day of the bout by a medical examiner other than the one who did the preliminary work; a grading of boxers according to age, height, weight and ability; a maximum admission fee regulated by government agencies—these and many other reforms in boxing that were an eye-opener to THE RING Editor, made him feel that the sport has taken tremendous strides for betterment under the Cuban Government Educational system, a development of which its leaders might well feel proud.

Nowhere in the world is boxing so thoroughly organized as in Cuba. To Luis Gutierrez, former manager of Black Bill and Kid Chocolate, goes the credit of putting the novel system into effect on the entire island, but without the moral and financial support of Jaime Marine Y Montes, Director of Sports and right-hand man of Colonel Batista, the project would be a failure.

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MAJOR MARINE, as he is known, is keenly interested in sports and physical education. Like many other military leaders, he is a firm believer in building up the youth of Cuba so that those to whose lot will fall the defense of the Republic in the coming generation will be fully prepared for all emergencies. And in that, he is meeting with success if what I saw on my visit to Cuba as the guest of the Government, is any criterion.

A few years after the World War, when I returned from an extended trip through Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and England, I wrote a series of articles for the New York *Telegram,* of which I was then the Sports Editor, in which I said:

"Germany, of all the nations in Europe, is the only one which is looking to the future in the development of its sons and daughters. Mass physical education and the organizations of amateur boxing clubs in the leading cities, is making Germany athletic conscious. To Germany we will soon have to look for our next world heavyweight champion and as for track and field sports, the Fatherland will hold its own against the world in the next Olympic Games."

What I predicted came true, but not quite in the short time I had figured. The world knows what Germany did in the last Olympic Games and what Max Schmeling, who at the time of my visit was just breaking in as a simon-pure, performed in the field of pugilism.

What Germany did in those days, Cuba is doing today but along a line much different from that of the Europeans. There is nothing compulsory. It is all a matter of choice. New athletic fields are being built by the government in many parts of Cuba. Boxing clubs are sprouting up all over the Island. The old Fronton, at an expense of more than $30,000, has been rebuilt into one of the finest indoor sports arenas in all Central and South America.

A huge jai ali court, surrounded by three tiers with a seating capacity of 8500, can be converted in an hour into a beautiful fight stadium. And that in turn can be changed to an eight lap to the mile running track, thus giving to Havana a miniature Madison Square Garden in which all branches of sports can be staged. Vines and Perry inaugurated the indoor tennis season there with a series of professional matches.

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BOXING was inaugurated at the Palace with three championships decided in one night. A capacity crowd was on hand. At the smaller clubs, where the first championship bouts were fought, several hundred fight-hungry fans were turned away. That's how keenly interested the Cubans are in the government's boxing program, one of a large variety of sports affairs that have been arranged for the tourist season. While the championship bouts are what brought me down to Cuba, it was the general scheme along which boxing is carried on in the Republic that interested me most. Close to 1200 boys scaling from 65 pounds to 160 took part in the government's championship tournament. For almost seven months, Luis Gutierrez and his able staff put the boys through the eliminations and then came the finals for THE RING Belts and the Cuban titles. The Boxing Commission ran off its program without a hitch.

Charging only 10 to 80 cents admission, the Department of Sports had a total attendance of 124,764, with a paid admission of $10,194 in the preliminaries. The first two shows in which title bouts were staged drew $1698. With the profits, boxing paraphernalia, including trunks, cups, shoes, shirts, bandages, headgear, skipping rope and punching bag gloves, are bought and

Progressive Government Develops Boxers and Shows People How to Get Most Out of Sports and Physical Programme

By NAT FLEISCHER

presented to each member of the National Boxing Academie of Cuba, the gymnasium where the boys are trained.

But that is not all. Milk for those who need additional nourishment, money for food for those who come from exceptionally poor families, and car tokens, in lieu of cash, to enable the boys to travel from their homes to the Academie and to the fight arena on the night of a bout, are likewise provided. Then those who show most promise and are eager to make a career of boxing are placed in jobs that enable them to aid in the support of their family.

What other boxing commission in any part of the world spends its money for such a build-up of those who follow the sport? The amateurs, instead of being awarded medals or cups, receive small sums of money, just sufficient to enable them to care for themselves, since most are out of work. This system is far better than the American way of paying the amateur with phony expense-accounts, which in reality amount to payment for services rendered.

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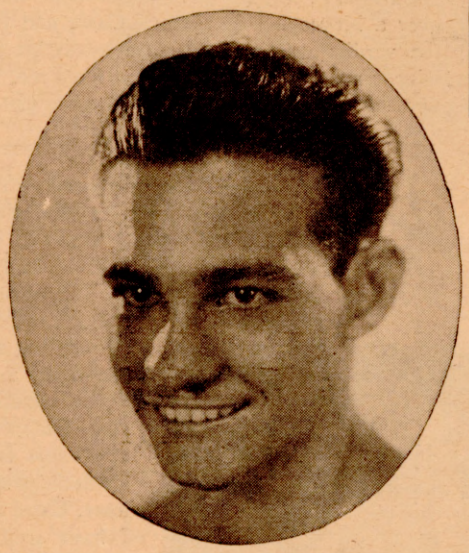
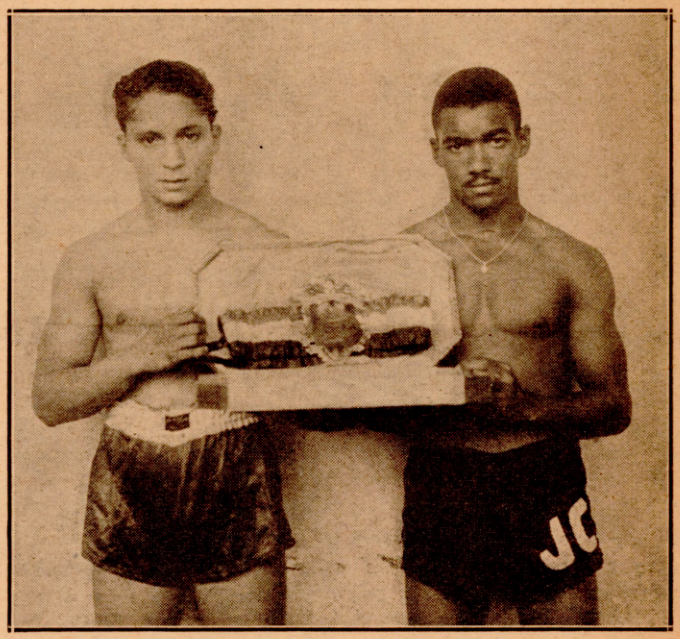
I AM one hundred per cent in favor of what Commandant Jaime Marine and his able commissioner, Luis Gutierrez, are doing. Unlike New York, for example, where the commissioners attend sessions when there is something of importance to be carried out, Luis Gutierrez is on the job at 10 o'clock each morning, and from then until the boys are through with their afternoon's work in the Academie, it is a case of hustle and bustle.

I often thought that Stillman's and Charley Dpesserick's gymnasiums in New York, the places where most fighters of prominence do their training, were the busiest places of their kind in the world, but after seeing 300 boys go through their stunts in one afternoon at the Arena Cerveza Cristal, where the Academie is situated, I have changed my mind. To Havana goes the honor once held by New York.



Reinaldo Gutierrez, winner of the middleweight championship belt.



Marid Baeza (left) and Joe Casanova, finalists in the lightweight division, holding THE RING *Belt for which they competed.*

Recently I wrote an editorial condemning American boxing commissions for their lack of supervision of the gymnasiums where the training is done. I referred to the case of Pete Nebo in Florida and called upon the commissions, especially in New York, to appoint a physical culture director, one who is thoroughly versed in boxing and health problems, and make him the overseer instead of sending daily to the gymnasiums an inexperienced staff member of the board to see that its rules are being carried out.

I am happy to report that the Cuban Boxing Commission has adopted the plan. Through Gutierrez, who knows his boxing from A to Z, three competent teachers of the sport have been appointed who are paid by the government to teach at the Boxing Academie in Havana. One also has been appointed for Camaguey and one for the rest of the Island. In addition, seven trainers, each of whom is also an experienced masseur, are the official government seconds. None other than these can work with an amateur fighter.

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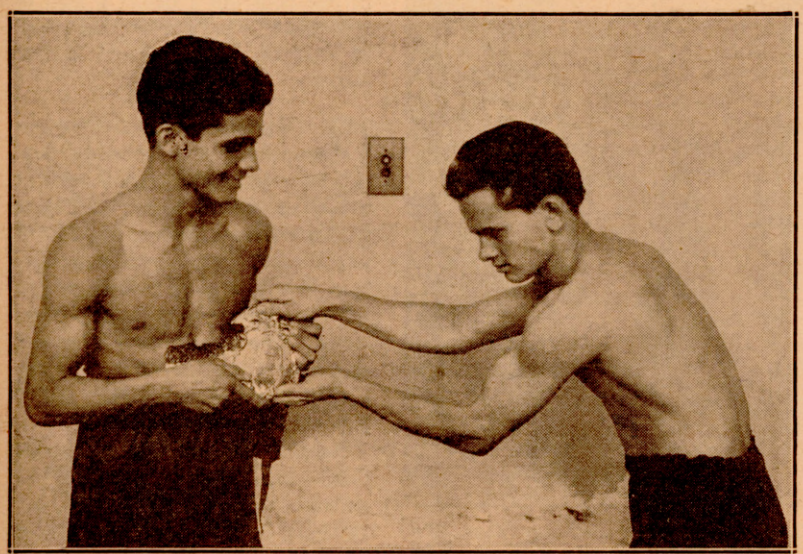
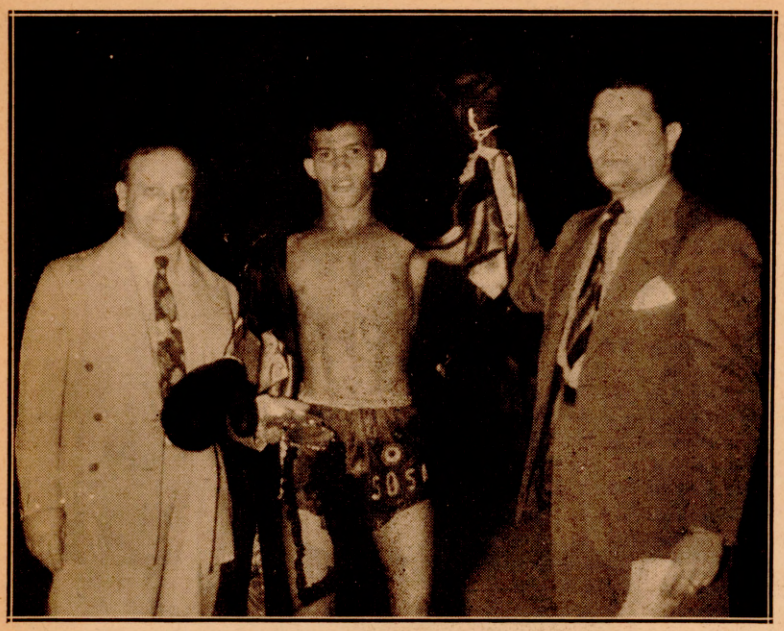
THERE are no managers of amateur fighters in Cuba. Every boy is under the management of the boxing commission. As for the professionals, if they are former amateurs who made their start in the Boxing Academie or are still members, they likewise cannot be controlled by any manager. They are handled by the Boxing Commission, which obtains matches for them, attends to their training needs and supervises their boxing routine and sees that they are properly nourished.

This again serves to eliminate the leeches who so often ruin a good prospect in the days when he most needs proper supervision. Those boxers who are not members of the Academie can have a manager, but his business is strictly regulated by the Commission.



Kid Chile (left) and Guillermo Barrios, examining THE RING *award for which they competed in the bantamweight division.*



Coco Conde holding up the hand of Santiago Sosa, winner of THE RING *championship trophy in the featherweight class.*

They must furnish ample proof that they have not been guilty of any acts against good sportsmanship and morals. The percentage allowed him for his fighter is set by the commission, and unless he accepts what is offered, he can find no work for his man.

Thus, promoters who heretofore had lost money, now, under the new regime of Major Marine, aided by Gutierrez and a staff of sports writers, including Jess Losada, who is the contact man of the Sports Commission of the government for visiting sports writers, show a profit. The new regime protects all hands, fighters, managers and promoters. By degrees it is taking over all the leading fight clubs of the Island as part of its expansion recreation plan. Nothing like it has ever been attempted by any other government and the experiment will be closely watched, at least by me. I believe it will succeed because all those who are backing the plan are putting one hundred per cent effort into their work to attain the desired goal.

At this writing, the "Direction General of Sports" controls seven fight clubs around the Island, the largest and most important of which is the Palace of Sports. Others are the Arena Cristal of Havana; the Arena Polar of Camaguey; Stadium Tropical of Havana; Stadium Polar of Havana; Santiago de Cuba Arena in Santiago, and the Arena of Guantanamo.

There are now a total of close to 2000 fighters who are working out in Cuba, and of these, there are only 259 non-members of the Academie.

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AS the boys progress, they are divided into groups and given a chance to show their ability. In making the matches, Gutierrez tries his best to prevent novices from being pitted against seasoned boys. If a boy has had five fights, he gets an opponent who has had as many, or one more or less. Thus a lad who has had only two fights is never permitted to clash with one who has engaged within one of his record.

Those who miss more than one day's attendance at the Academie during the week preceding their fight are banned from competition for that week. Each Monday the chief of staff of the instructors' corps presents to Gutierrez a complete record of each boy who has attended sessions during the previous week and from those boys only the card for the week's bouts at the various clubs is made up. Thus the fighters are always in condition and the spectators receive their money's worth with the kind of competition such as New Yorkers were accustomed to see in the days of the old Fairmont A. C., Clermont Rink, Commonwealth Club and others of that type. Action aplenty marks each contest.

There wasn't a dull moment in any but two of the thirty-seven fights I saw. They were all of the hair-raising variety, nip-and-tuck, give-and-take, cockle-of-the-heart contests such as are seen only occasionally at our clubs. The inducements to boys who really need help are so great that the lads fight it out every inch of the way to win the high stakes.

At the first show I attended, the featherweight championship match was the main affair. It was a reminder of the great Kid Chocolate-Fidel La Barba mill in which the hairline verdict caused considerable discussion. A white boy, Santiago Sosa, was awarded the decision over a Negro lad, Lorenzo Collazo, and for more than a week, the verdict was a topic of conversation in sports circles. The winner received THE RING Belt from me. The fight was so close that, in my opinion, it could have been called either way.

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I WAS considerably impressed by the referee in that bout, Humberto Casal, former champion of Cuba, who will be remembered by Americans as a welterweight of note a few years back when he fought the leading men of his weight in Europe. Casal, whose boxing judgment is excellent, is calm as a cucumber. He never touches a fighter, but makes certain that his commands are obeyed.

His handling of the championship featherweight bout was all that could be desired even though his decision didn't favor the popular loser. Casal is as good a referee as I have seen in the Caribbean in my many trips. The other referees on the staff of the Cuban Boxing Commission are equally good. Not in one bout did I detect a sign of favoritism. That's more than can be said of many contests in our country.

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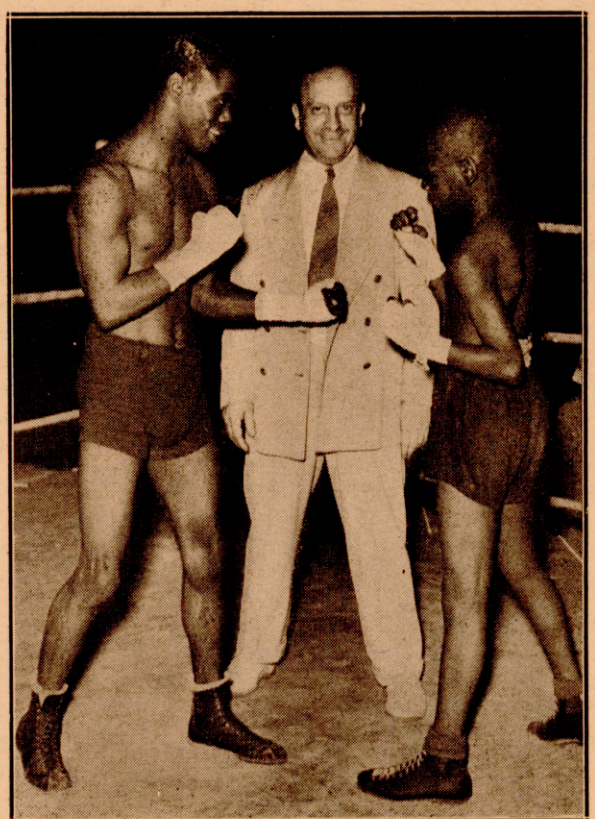
ON November 27, with standing room at a premium, two more championship fights were decided on a card of nine contests that sizzled with action. It was a treat to one who likes his boxing to watch the boys in action. Angel Ruiz carried off THE RING trophy in the welterweight class by gaining a clean-cut decision over Gonzales Pineiro. Watch this boy Ruiz! He's a fine prospect.

Another white boy, Reinaldo Gutierrez, won the middleweight championship by defeating Juan Delgado, a colored lad, and to Gutierrez also was awarded a RING Belt. The victor possesses every



The famous Kid Chocolate, posing with his protege, Kid Bombon, at the Condado Soap Factory stadium. THE RING *Editor refereed a three-round exhibition. Kid Bombon is a clever ninety-five pounder who bears watching.*

asset of a good fighter and should be heard from in the near future.

Following this set of matches came three more championships, those being decided at the new Palace of Sports, a beautiful arena, built very much on the style of the New York Hippodrome, but with a seating capacity twice as big. In this Palace the various branches of the National Sports Department are housed.

Everything is up-to-date. Large, clean dressing rooms, a special clinic, offices of the medical advisors to the department, secretarial offices, a museum featuring the sports of Cuba—all are in this gigantic building. Is it any wonder that I have grown so enthusiastic over my latest trip to Cuba?

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THIS Sports Palace, the dedication of which the Cuban government invited me to attend, is the last word in arenas south of the United States. It is one of many recreational projects sponsored by the government, one that is looking forward with pride to the aid it is offering Cuba's youth—boys and girls—for body development and clean living. It is by far the greatest improvement I have seen in my sixteen trips to the Pearl of the Antilles, the first of which I made in 1910.

Beautiful schools, large playgrounds, ocean pavilions with bathing and recreational facilities, instruction in baseball by former major league stars; tennis, boxing and jai-ali instruction—these are included in the far-reaching sports program set by the Cuban government in its effort to make its people sports-minded and to help the tourist trade.

Chocolate, who, under the guidance of Gutierrez, made himself internationally famous as a boxer, is attempting a comeback. Under the management of Less Losada, he is attending strictly to business. Daily he may be seen working out in the Condado Soap Factory's recreation center. He is employed at the factory and devotes some time also to teaching boxing to the employees, who, like those in the Hershey Chocolate plant in Pennsylvania, have their own boxing arena, billiard and pool rooms, library, chess and domino rooms, a theatre built by the boys, their own commissary, and a dancing pavilion.

Members of the Cuban Sports Commission accepting THE RING *belts. Left to right—Jess Losada, Sports Editor, columnist and radio commentator of the newspaper, Pueblo; Coco Conde, sport writer, assistant secretary; Lorenzo Nordarse, Cuban Davis Cup player who is the secretary to Commandant Jaime Marine, and Luis Gutierrez, the Boxing Commissioner.*

The Keed has been a great help to the commission. He is an inspiration to the novices, who are eager to follow in his footsteps as a fighter. Chocolate has taken a deep interest in one boy, Kid Bombon, a flyweight, who in all his actions, is a close resemblance to the Keed when he made his debut in New York. I think that Kid Bombon, under the guidance of Chocolate and Luis Gutierrez, is the finest prospect in Cuba. I predict that in two or three years Cuba will have a world champion in this lad.

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CUBA cannot possibly produce another Joe Louis, because there are no heavyweight fighters on the Island, but I'll be very much surprised if within a short time there will not emerge one or more Kid Chocolates from that group of close to 2,000 boxers who are being so thoroughly and ably drilled in the National Boxing Academie. I take my hat off to Cuba. It is meeting success in an undertaking never before attempted.

What Luis Gutierrez and his staff are doing for boxing, Colonel Silva, owner of the gorgeous Kawama Beach Club at Varadero, Cuba, 120 miles from Havana, is doing for polo, and Lorenzo Nodarse, Davis Cup player, is doing for tennis. Colonel Silva, retired army officer, who, in his younger days, played against Tommy Hitchcock, Stoddard, Milburn and other famous American poloists, has developed a splendid army team, and, with the aid of his son, former Georgia Tech all-around champion athlete, he has six teams in the field in Cuba's national tourney.

His country estate, where many Americans spend the winter because of the healthful climate, the beautiful scenery and the beach, a duplicate of the Waikika Beach of Honolulu with its silky sand, will soon be turned into a national recreation center. Adjoining the immense estate of the Irenee Du Ponts, Colonel Silva plans the erection of two polo fields, an eighteen-hole golf course, ten tennis courts, the enlargement of the Cardenas basin to enable the larger yachts to enter. A bill has been put before the Cuban Congress to aid the development of the project, which, when completed, will bring to Cuba's northern coast, the cream of the American and Pan-American polo teams, yachting races and tennis players.

Cuba has its eyes open. It has finally, through far-sighted sportsmen, seen the advantages of the Pearl of the Antilles as an international playground for winter tourists and is taking full advantage of it under the progressive program of the Batista regime.

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AN enthusiastic sportsman and popular army officer, Major Jaime Marine, chief aide de camp of the commander in chief of the Constitutional Army of Cuba, was urged to accept the presidency of the Cuban National Boxing and Wrestling Commission, after many failures to bring these sports out of the doldrums of depression.

He has worked tirelessly, effecting many reforms that have placed pugilism and wrestling back in the front ranks of Cuban sports. Besides being one of the most efficient collaborators of Colonel Fulgencio Batista, Cuban Army Chief, he has demonstrated capability as an organizer of specialized athletics. Under his guidance, the Cuban National Boxing and Wrestling Commission has gained the recognition of international ring organizations, and has gained a position of prominence equaled by few sports commissions. His success was almost immediate.

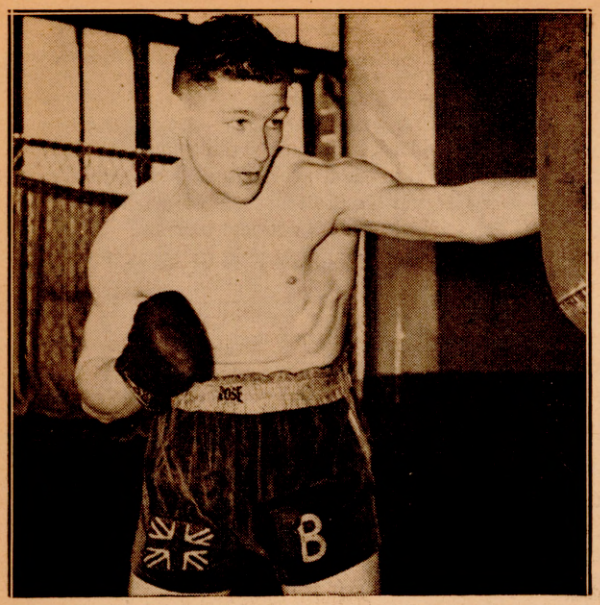
Before sailing for home, after a most enjoyable stay at Havana's beautiful hotel, the Nacional Hotel, I asked Major Jaime Marine for a few words from him to carry back to the States. Here is his statement:

"To contribute to the betterment of sports is a social service. Boxing, so important to youth and the general public, was in need of reconstruction in my country. That is why I did not hesitate to accept the post of president of the National Boxing and Wrestling Commission when I was chosen for it. It was one more opportunity for being useful to Cuba, for whose liberty and progress in everything we achieved in the glorious revolution of September fourth, 1933.

"If the present is full of fine realities, the future makes fair promises. Numberless thousands of Americans are preparing to pass the winter in Cuba, the marvelous land so close and so tempting. Visitors are assured a pleasant reception and cordial sojourn here. One of the first objections accomplished by our revolution established staple peace through absolute respect for the rights of the people."

Boxing in England in 1938

By GEORGE FARMER



Eric Boon, who achieved fame during the past year. He won the lightweight title by stopping Dave Crowley in 13 rounds.

LONDON, ENGLAND—Boxing in England during 1938 can be reviewed under a favorable light, and fans may sit back and look forward to a bumper year in 1939. Several boys have come from comparative obscurity; others have passed out of the news.

George James, Eric Boon, Arthur Danahar and George Davis each achieved fame and not a little fortune, and several titles changed hands.

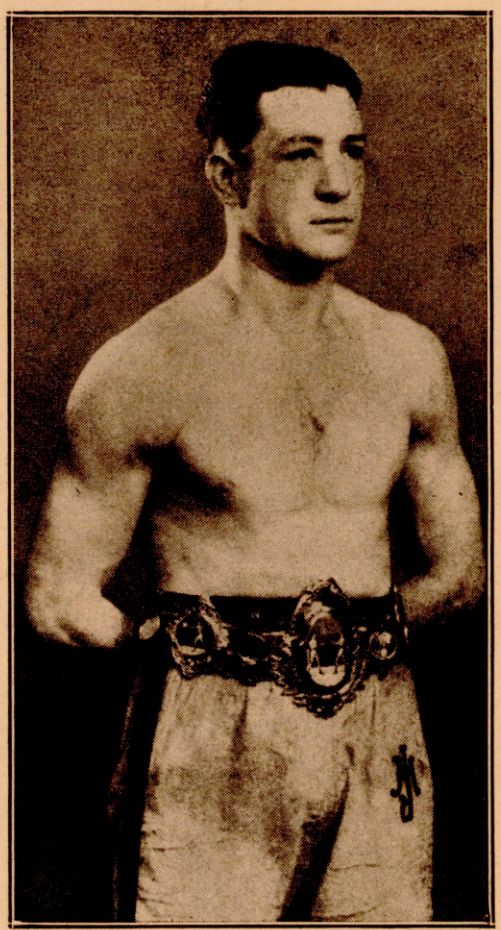
Benny Lynch dropped out of the picture when, after failing to make the weight against his U. S. challenger, Jackie Jurich, he lost to K. O. Morgan on points. After that, he had a sensational K.O. registered against him at the hands of Aurel Toma, the Roumanian bantam and former European champion.

Tommy Farr proved to be the storm petrel of British boxing. He caused a stir when he renounced his British title.

Johnny McGrory was another title-holder who left his crown behind on the scales. Due to fight Benny Caplan in defense of the British featherweight championship, McGrory came in many pounds overweight.

The high light of 1938 in British fight circles was the scrap in which Peter Kane regained the world's flyweight title for Great Britain when he won a fifteen-round decision over the gallant American, Jurich.

Glancing through the divisions, it is rather natural to take in first the heavies, who always provide most interest no matter where they are or what they are.



Jock McAvoy, British Empire middleweight champion, who rates high in world fistic circles.

Undoubtedly the finest prospect in this class is George James, holder of the Welsh championship and a logical contender for the British and Empire titles, whose spectacular rise has fired the imagination of the fans in England.

At the time of writing, the compatriot of Tommy Farr has a one hundred per cent record for 1938, having whipped Jim Wilde to annex the Welsh title, beaten Ben Foord, Charles Rutz, French champion, and Paul Walner of Germany.

For a time Eddie Phillips, conqueror of Ben Foord and Jack Doyle, was expected to figure as a possible opponent for Joe Louis in an American heavyweight championship fight. In fact, negotiations were opened for such a bout and Phillips was ready to sail after the Christmas holidays. But he wanted another tune-up battle before going abroad and took on the veteran Len Harvey, who was disputing Eddie's claim to the honors that had been held by Tommy Farr prior to his troubles with the Boxing Board of Control.

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THAT bout not only cost Phillips his chance to make a clean-up in America financially, but it lost him much of his prestige, because the veteran Harvey turned the unexpected and won the fight on a foul. Harvey was leading at the time and looked the sure winner. He dropped Eddie for a count of nine in the fourth and Phillips, when he got to his feet, heaved a wild swing that landed foul and was disqualified.

The veteran Harvey previously had achieved fame when he recaptured the light-heavyweight title from Jock McAvoy, but his ambition was to wear the purple robes of the British heavyweight kingship and he finally achieved his desire in the Phillips bout. Harvey is a remarkable fighter. He has been in the game for upwards of fifteen years and has won several crowns. He has taken part in more than four hundred ring battles yet he doesn't show a trace of his profession, a sterling tribute to his skill.

Jack London is another big fellow with title aspirations. He enhanced his chances when he beat the highly-touted Al Delaney on points over ten rounds. London has victories over some of the best in the heavyweight division.

Ben Foord passed out of the scene after losing to George James and Eddie Phillips, and the handsome South African has gone back to his native country, definitely finished with the sport.

Jack Doyle, taking the ring for the first time in eighteen months, was beaten in two heats by Eddie Phillips, and the erstwhile Irish Lark has dropped where he belongs—out.

Larry Gains keeps rolling along, and although the ex-Empire champion has now passed his peak, he is still a test for the best

in the business. He is the only fighter who can boast of a K.O. victory over Jack London. He also beat George James.

Ted Broadribb's heavyweight hope, the ex-amateur, Dom Lydon, pursued his professional career with much success. He was only beaten twice during the year, dropping decisions to Jim Wilde and Tony Shucco. Neither loss should do him any harm as he is likely to profit by the experience.

Jim Wilde, former Welsh champion, put in a good year's work. Wilde is a good trial horse, who never fails to please the crowd.

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THE light-heavyweight division is headed by Len Harvey, who performed creditably to regain the crown from Jock McAvoy in a thrilling encounter.

McAvoy had several contests and came through with flying colors apart from his duel with Harvey. Jock was unlucky to break a leg while horse riding and consequently was kept on the sidelines for a long period. He is now fit and well, and recently conceded twenty-eight pounds to Jack Strongbow and stopped him in five rounds.

Frank Hough, the fighting Hussar from Battersea, lost a lot of prestige during the year. Formerly regarded as a contender for the 175-pound title, Hough has gradually slipped down to the rank of a second-rater.

Jack Hyams did not defend his title of Southern Area champion, and such boys as Bob Firmin, Bob Scally, Tommy Martin, Darkie Ellis, Tom Reddington and Jack Robinson, together with Eddie Pierce, all had a fair measure of success.

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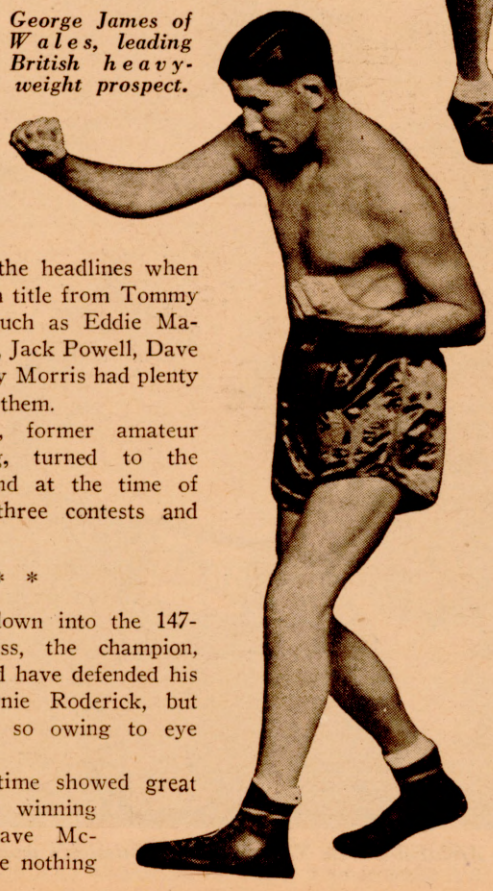
THE middleweight class, headed by Jock McAvoy, showed plenty of activity, and while the champion himself was kept on the sidelines a lot owing to injuries sustained outside the ring, several stars came forward to bask in the limelight.

George Davis achieved most prominence by winning a fifteen-round decision over Jack Hyams to gain the Southern Area middleweight championship. Ginger Sadd had a brilliant run of victories and is regarded as one of the chief contenders for the middleweight crown.



George James of Wales, leading British heavyweight prospect.

Bert Gilroy hit the headlines when he won the Scottish title from Tommy Smith, and boys such as Eddie Maguire, Reg Gregory, Jack Powell, Dave McCleave and Elfry Morris had plenty of work found for them.

Maurice Dennis, former amateur middleweight king, turned to the moneyed ranks, and at the time of writing has had three contests and remains unbeaten.

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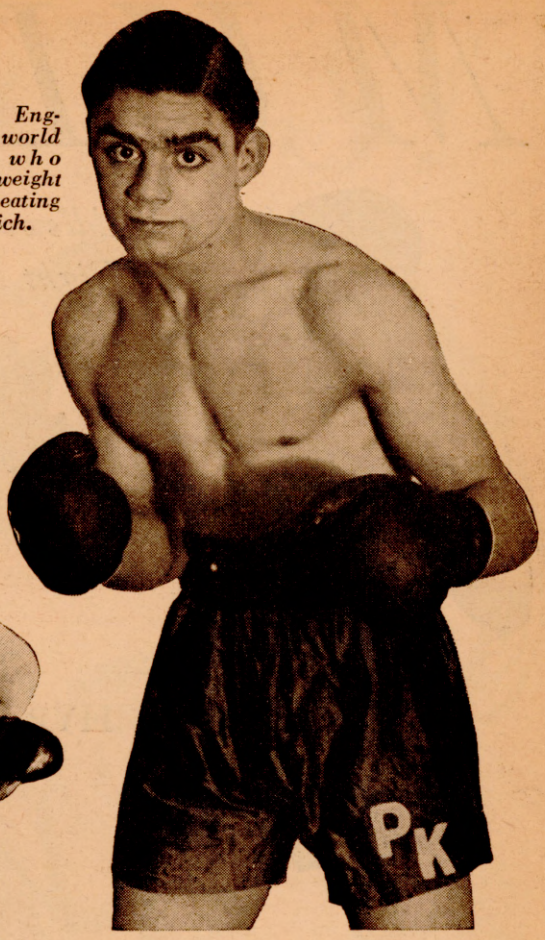
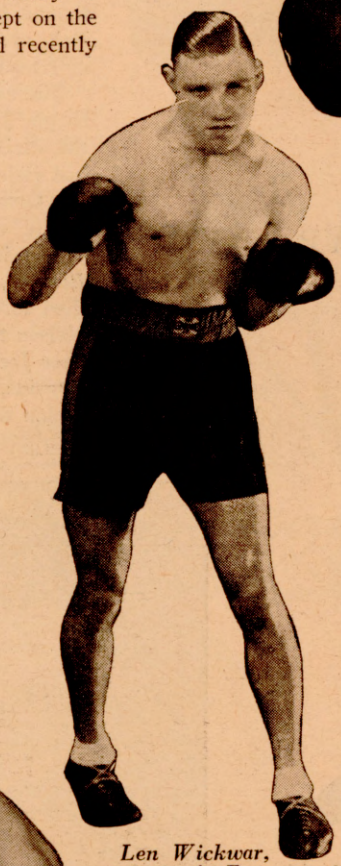
MOVING down into the 147-pound class, the champion, Jake Kilrain should have defended his crown against Ernie Roderick, but was unable to do so owing to eye injuries.

Kilrain at one time showed great promise, but since winning the title from Dave McCleave, he has done nothing to enhance his reputation, being beaten several times.



Peter Kane, England's only world title-holder, who gained the flyweight crown by beating Jackie Jurich.



Len Wickwar, one of England's best lightweights.

Ernie Roderick performed admirably during 1938, and passed through unbeaten.

He fought the best welters from England and the Continent, and beat a few middleweights for good measure. He was unfortunate in the fact that he could not get his well-earned crack at the title because of Kilrain's cut eyes.

Roderick is a threat to any welter in the world, and would give Henry Armstrong a fight and a half. He has beaten Johnny Clements, Charlie Parkin, Nestor Charlier, Kid Janas (middleweight king of France), Cleto Locatelli (well known Italian welterweight), Jack Powell and Al Baker of Belgium, and has run up a total of seventeen consecutive victories.

Ex-Seaman Jim Lawlor is another boy who has met the best, and George Odwell of Camden Town has settled down to a plan of campaign that has directions towards the title, though he lost twice recently.

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GEORGE DALY has had ups and downs. The trouble with him seems to lie in the question of weight. He is too light to mix with the welters and finds making the lightweight limit rather troublesome.

Harry Mizler moved forward towards the goal of the 145-pound title, while Norman Snow successfully held on to his Southern Area crown.

Johnny Clements of Scotland moved upward and onward when he stopped Jake Kilrain inside the distance, and Paddy Roche, Irish welterweight champion, put up some good shows with the best in his class. He lost a disputed points verdict to Felix Woulters, ranking welter and holder of the I.B.U. European title.

Lefty Flynn, Negro sensation from Jamaica, B.W.I., had a great time in England during 1938. He fought most of the leading welters, including George Odwell, Jake Kilrain and Ernie Roderick.

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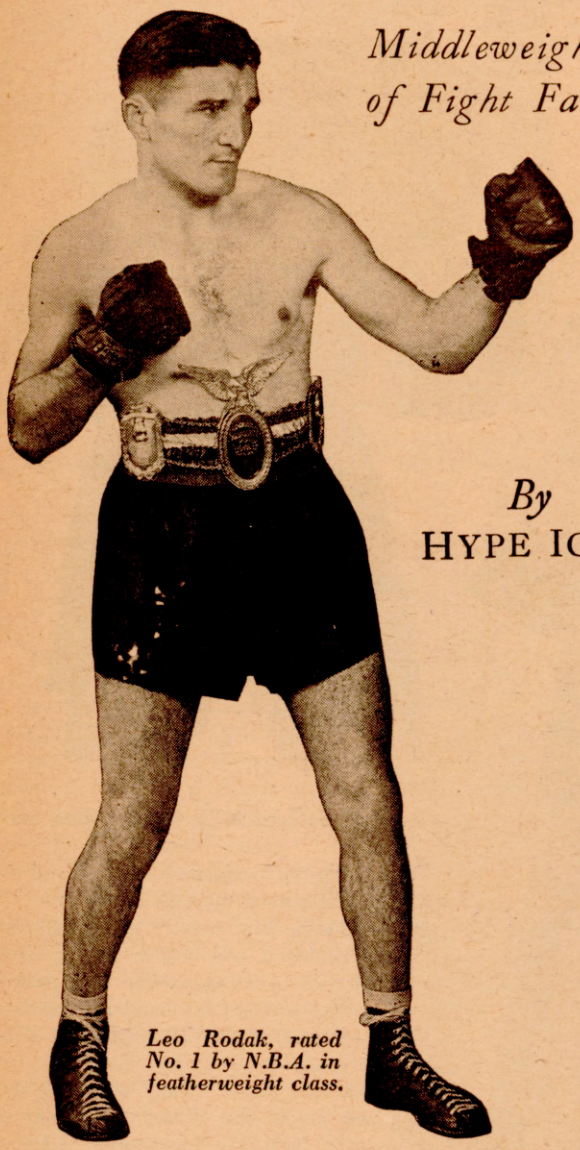
MUDDLED

Middleweight and Feather Title Situations Top Problems of Fight Fans and Commissions As Rivals Shout Claims



Leo Rodak, rated No. 1 by N.B.A. in featherweight class.

By
HYPE IGOE

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NOT since the days that they began to classify boxers and establish titles for the different divisions, has there been such a seemingly hopeless muddle with regards to the rightful owners of ring coronets as exists now.

Ask the man in the street, the dyed-in-the-wool, blown-in-the-bottle fight enthusiast who is the champion of this or that class and he'll look at you with a baby stare and begin to chatter in orang-outang lingo. Those of the faithful who were wont to rattle off the entire roster of the ring's blue-bloods, have taken to the tall trees and they won't be down for some time to come.

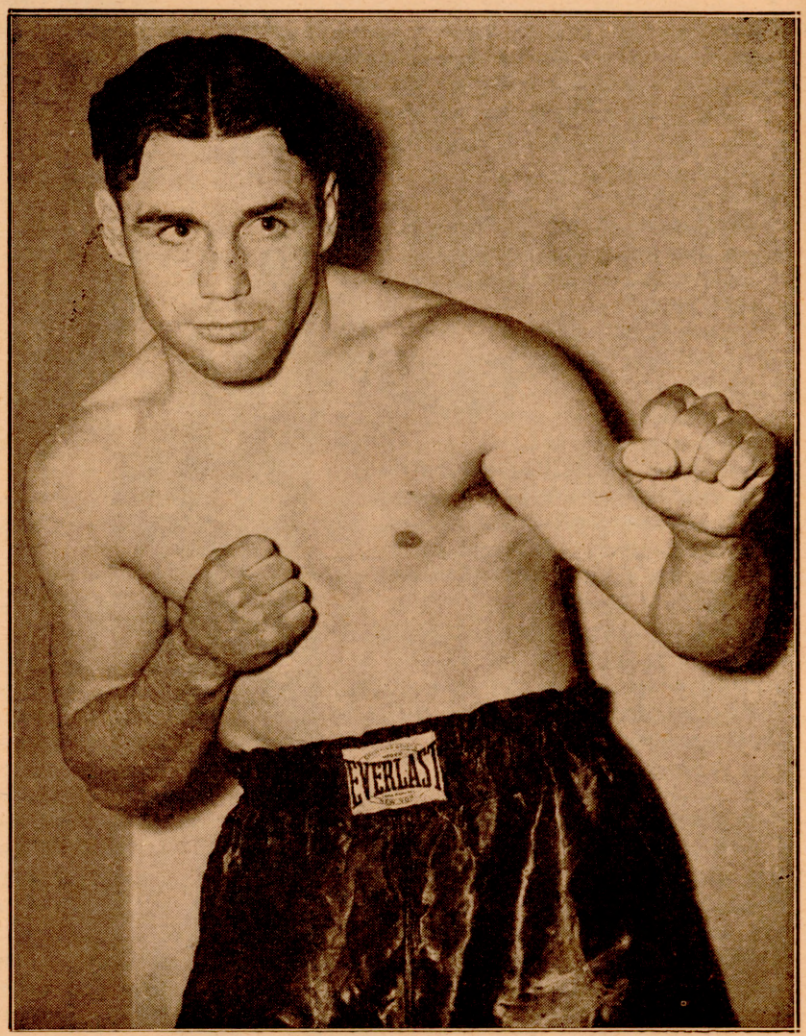
The mixup over ring titles has become a positive epidemic. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to unravel the tangles into which some of the most picturesque classes have been pitched.

This is not to say that there have never been squabbles over the right to wear ring tiarras before this. There were mixups long, long before this, but never has there been such a doubt as to the proper claimants of championships as now exists in the fly, feather and middleweight ranks and light-heavyweight ranks.

Far back in the days when Joe Gans was called the Old Master, though he was nearing the end of his astounding reign, Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson began a march on old Joe which sooner or later had to be brought to a head.

The real trouble lay in the fact that nobody seemed to be able to pin Joe down to making 133 pounds, the official weight for the division at the time. Britt was the California dandy who had claimed the title without so much as asking leave of Joseph the Great. San Francisco critics began to call Britt the "Lily White" and the "Salmon Pink" lightweight champion of the world.

The late "TAD," then the cartoonist on the San Francisco *Bulletin,* had hung those monikers on Britt. Battling Nelson then forced a showdown when Tex Rickard matched Gans and Nelson to fight for the title at Goldfield, Nev. Billy Nolan settled poor Joe's hash when he bamboozled Joe into making 133 pounds, ringside, with all his fighting tack on. Nobody knows where Nolan dug up that rule but he made it stick and Gans crucified



Joey Archibald, New York State Commission's world feather king.

MAULERS!

himself trying to make the weight. He did it but the effort brought on tuberculosis from which he died within a few years. Gans won on a foul in the first fight, but Bat followed him up and knocked him out twice running. Then Bat knocked out Britt and the row over the lightweight claim ended. It is one division which has not encountered many entanglements, except when Benny Leonard retired.

That argument, at the time, seemed bewildering but it can't hold a candle to the present day muddles over some of the different ring crowns.

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PERHAPS the most perplexing situation now centers around the middleweight throne. Fred Apostoli, facing Young Corbett 3rd, in Madison Square Garden recently, to all intents and purposes was confronted by the one remaining obstacle between himself and the title.

Corbett had gained a ten-round decision over Apostoli in San Francisco last February and the New York Boxing Commission had ordained that the second meeting in New York, over the title distance, would be for the world's championship.

All this seemed reasonable enough but there was another angle to the whole business over which the New York board had no jurisdiction. At least, so it has turned out.

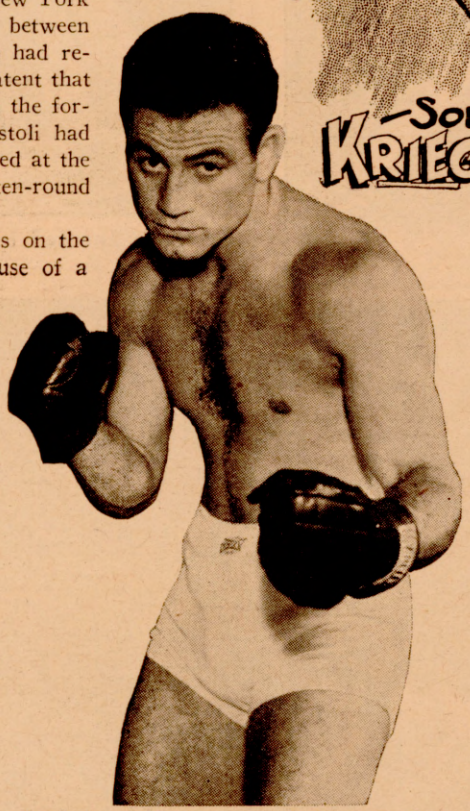
When Apostoli, a really great middleweight, stopped Freddie Steele in an over-the-weight match, the New York board tried to bring about a title bout between the two. After the licking which Steele had received at the hands of Apostoli it was patent that Steele would have no further truck with the former bell-hop from San Francisco. Apostoli had reversed a knockout which he had received at the hands of Steele in the bell-boy's first ten-round start.

Apostoli had improved and Steele was on the way out and knew it, particularly because of a chest injury which had failed to respond to treatment. Steele, jealous of Apostoli, probably made up his mind that the latter never would get the title if he could block it. He would remain the uncrowned champion so long as Steele refused to fight him.

The New York commission had ordered Steele in to sign a pact to fight Apostoli, in that Steele's six months respite was about up. Instead of obeying that edict, Steele fought and knocked out Carmen Barth and the New York body refused to rate that as a title bout. Steele was disfranchised as champion and when Al Hostak, a puncher, knocked Steele out in a punch or two, the New York commission "withheld recognition."

Likewise when Solly Krieger defeated Hostak in a fifteen-round bout, the title distance, New York's boxing board again "withheld recognition."

The N. B. A.'s middleweight champion.



Fred Apostoli, recognized in New York as the world middleweight title-holder.

And right there the trouble began. Krieger insisted that he was the legitimate champion, the New York board having once recognized Steele as the champion, even going on record to this effect when Mike Jacobs billed the Apostoli and Thil bout as a "world title bout." Mind you, the New York commission had agreed that Apostoli was fighting Thil for world honors.

Shortly after the "Carnival of Champions" was staged at which time four champions, Escobar, Ambers, Ross and Thil, were supposed to be defending their kingdoms, the New York commission rightabout faced and declared the Apostoli and Thil bout out as a title affair.

Then when Apostoli and Corbett fought, they declared the bout as being for the world title and invited Krieger to come in and sign to meet the winner for the undisputed title on a fifty-fifty division of the purse.

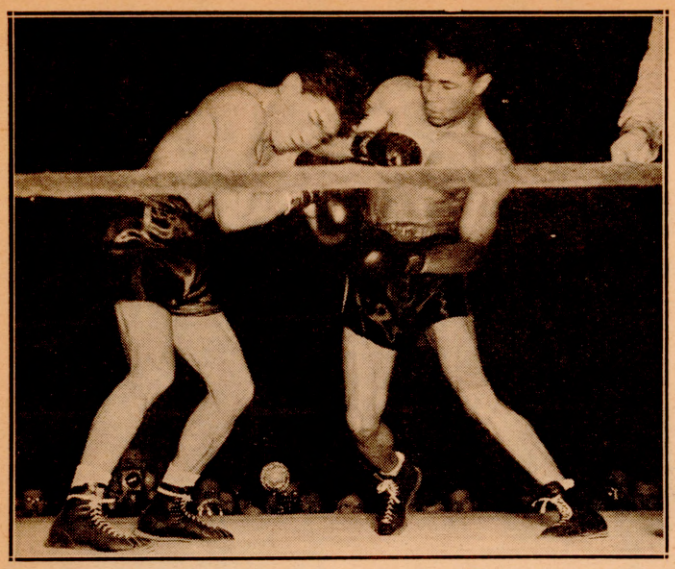
Krieger, with his new honors and declaring that he and not Apostoli was the champion, refused to bargain with the New York commission along the lines set down. He let it be known that he would not come to the commission office to make any such pact and that he would go about the country, yea to Europe if needs be, and defend HIS TITLE!

There you have a pretty kettle of fish. TWO middleweight champions, each shrieking that he is the rightful owner of the 160-pound bauble. The question naturally arises —has any commission under the sun the right to deprive a title-holder of his crown? There is an old slogan that titles can only be won and lost in the ring.

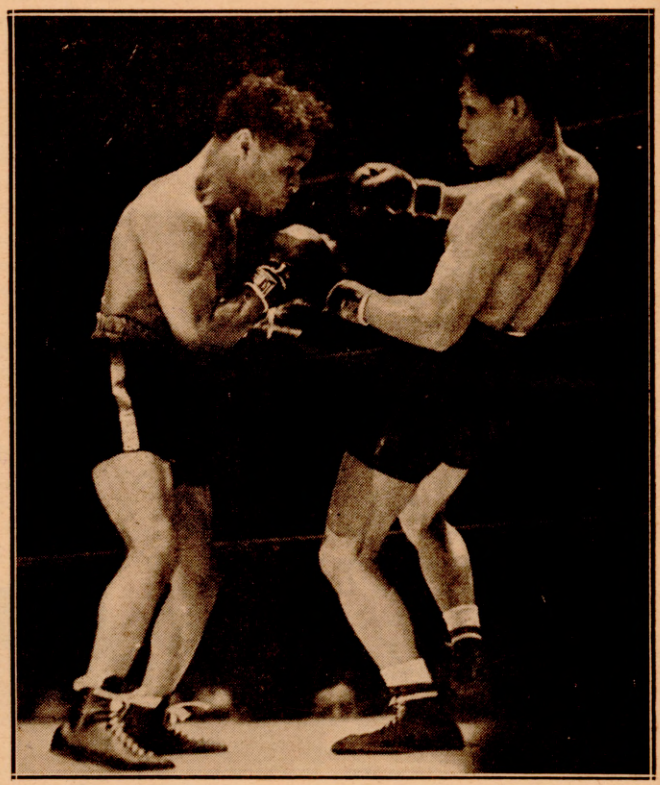
That slogan, generous and fair as it seems to be, is not a fact any more. What earthly use is there of a boy fighting to obtain a championship if it can be wished away from him by the different governing bodies? New York is not alone in this scrapping of titles. The National Boxing Association does it and so does the International Boxing Union and other organizations abroad, especially the British Board of Boxing Control. Public opinion is often better than a commission edict. I'm for commissions. They've saved boxing. They can slay it, too.

There is no head nor tail to their deci- *(Continued on page 49)*

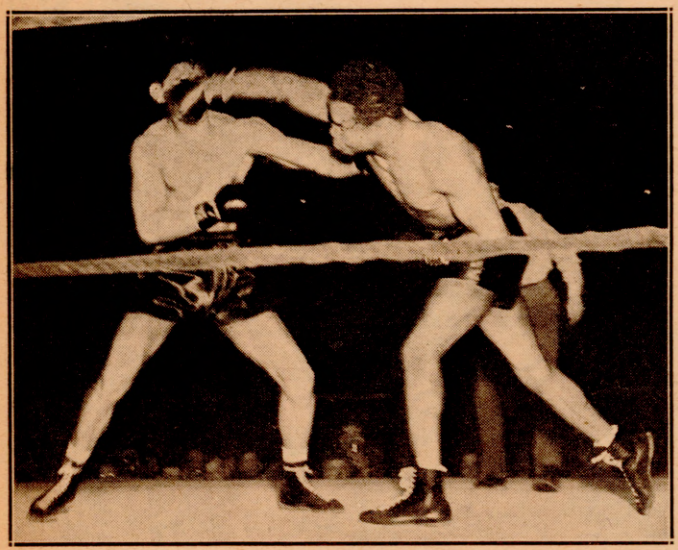
Henry Did It Again



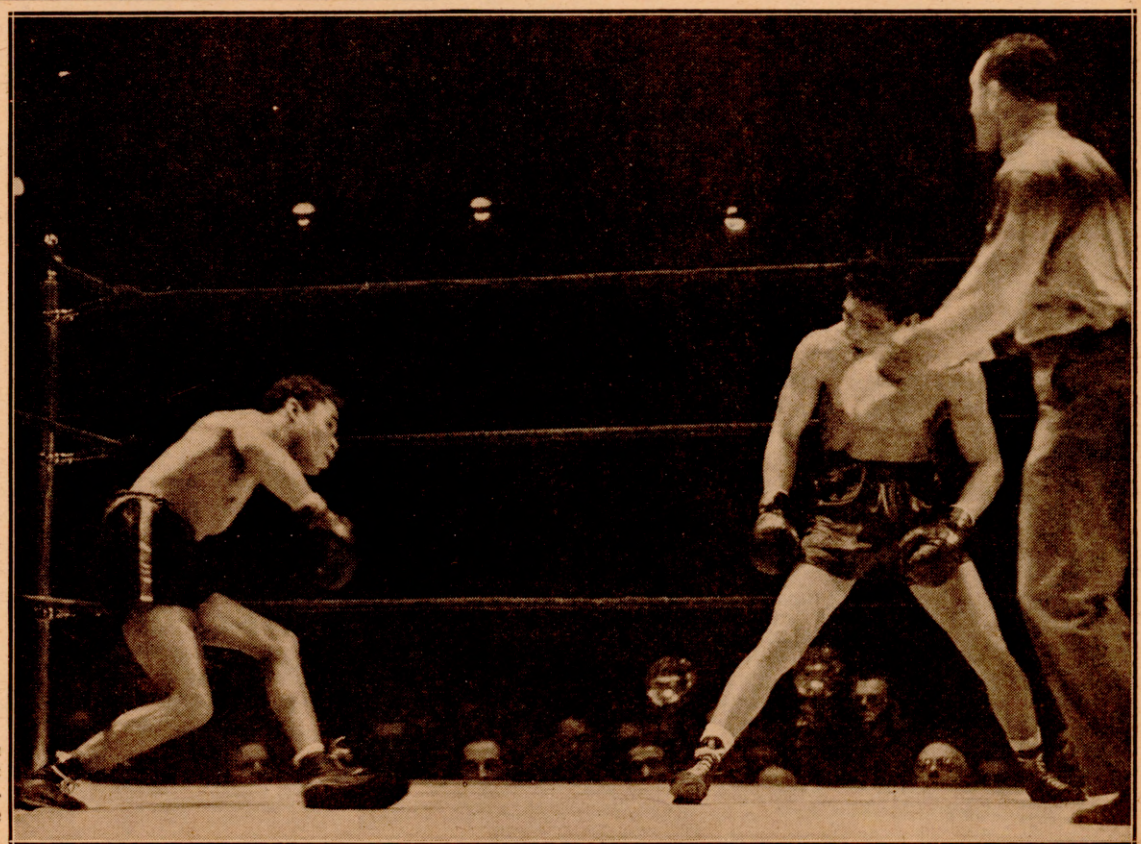
Armstrong is seen bopping Ceferino Garcia's noggin without much regard for Cef's feelings.



Garcia is knocked back on his heels in one of the bright exchanges.



Henry throws a right and Cef retaliates with a left, but no damage done.



One of the Garcia highlights. He almost puts the Negro champion down in the thirteenth.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

Arthur Spokley, Tacoma, Wash.

Q.—How many fights did Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach have. Which were for the title?

A.—They had four. The first, in the old Garden, resulted in Berlenbach being knocked out in the fourth round. Their second, in the new Garden, was for the title and Paul won in 15 rounds. Previously Paul had gained the crown from Mike McTigue. They fought for the third time in Brooklyn on the Italian Hospital Fund card and Delaney won the title in 15 rounds. They fought for the fourth time in Chicago on December 9, 1927 and Delaney won by a knockout, the bout being stopped in the sixth round. Delaney then vacated the title.

Miss J. Boxall, Toronto, Canada

Q.—Can you give me a complete record of Max Baer's fights? How old is he? Can you explain what is meant by a southpaw fighter? Where can I obtain autographed photos of Fritzie Zivic and Max Baer?

A.—Sorry, Miss Boxall, but please have a heart. It would take too much of my time to give you his complete record. That's what record books are for. Send to this office for one of the several we carry in stock and you'll have all the records of the best fighters.

Baer is 29 years old. You can get the photos through them, only. A southpaw is one who fights in unorthodox style. The orthodox style is with left foot extended and left fist outward. The southpaw style is the reverse.

Francis Cary—a Reader

Q.—When Jack Sharkey was knocked out by Joe Louis, did he stay down for the full count or was the fight stopped?

A.—Sharkey was counted out by the referee as he rested on his knees.

Q.—When Schmeling was stopped by Louis did the referee halt the bout or was Max counted out?

A.—The fight was stopped as Max lay on the canvas unable to move.

Q.—Has Bob Pastor lost more fights since he was beaten by Nathan Mann?

A.—No.

Antonio Vieira, Plymouth, Mass.

Q.—What is the real name, age, and nationality of Lou Nova?

A.—Lou Nova uses his real name in the ring. He is 23 years old, and comes from German-Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Richard Elliott, Montreal, Canada

Q.—Do you think it would be a good idea to join the Y.M.C.A. and start training, or do you know of a better place around Montreal? What is the best exercise to prevent losing your wind when hit in the stomach?

A.—The Y.M.C.A. organizations throughout the United States and Canada are fine places for young men to keep in training. I can think of no better place around Montreal than the Y.M.C.A. for your purpose.

Doing road work, chinning the bar, and bending exercises are ideal for the wind. Get a copy of "Training for Boxers" which has a complete chapter on "wind."

Henry Fullem, Boston, Mass.

Q.—Where was John L. Sullivan born? When did he make his New York debut and against whom? In what year did he fight Kilrain?

A.—Born at Roxborough, Mass., Oct. 15, 1858. Made his debut in New York against Steve Taylor at Harry Hills on March 31, 1881 and stopped Taylor in the second round. His fight with Kilrain, the last bare-knuckle championship fight took place at Richburg, Miss., July 8, 1889. Sullivan winning in the Seventy-fifth round.

Marton Hulswick, Wichita, Kansas

Q.—When Jack Johnson fought Jim Flynn, was that a title bout?

A.—Johnson fought Flynn at Las Vegas, N. M. On July 4, 1912, four years after he had won international laurels by taking the title from Tommy Burns. Yes, it was a title match.

Hector Urquart, Timmins, Ont.

Q.—Between a good wrestler and a good boxer, who would win, both men being physically about even?

A.—I would pick the wrestler.

J. Hedderick, Cape Town, South Africa

Q.—Do weak eyes seriously handicap a promising boxer? Do you think that Benny Lynch, after his recent setbacks, should retire? Was Rudy Unholz ever a world champion in any division? Was Jack Dempsey the only Mormon of outstanding merit as a boxer? Did Jimmy Wilde hold both the flyweight and world batamweight title?

A.—Yes they do. It would be impossible for a fighter to make much headway with weak eyes. Lynch should retire. He is a discredit to boxing. He had his chance and flunked it badly. He set an exceptionally bad example to the youth that held him up as a model. I am for his retirement, 100 percent. Yes, Dempsey was the only one of Mormon faith that I know who reached the heights. Wilde held only the flyweight crown.

Henry Strock, Baltimore, Maryland

Q.—Did Joe Tipman ever hold a title?

A.—No, Joe was a great fighter, but he never held a title. He was among the best of the lightweights at the time that Joe Gans held the crown. He fought George Dixon a 20 round draw on January 20, 1903. He fought McGovern in 1901, September 29, a two rounds exhibition. He fought Young Griffo in 1902 and among the other stars whom he engaged were Joe Bernstein, Willie Lewis, Kid Williams, Tommy Feltz, Kid Sullivan, Young Corbett and Willie Fitzgerald.

Frank Jamieson, Cleveland, O.

Q.—If a decision is rendered in the ring, can such verdict be changed by the boxing commission? Hasn't New York and Pennsylvania done this frequently?

A.—It has been done on many occasions. The Pennsylvania and New York Board have reversed verdicts. It is not according to Hoyle, but since the Boxing Commissions have full power to do as they please, they often take advantage of their status by reversing decisions. This has happened three times in Pennsylvania recently but New York, after the Impellitiere-Loughran fight, has never interfered with its officials. On one occasion, the announcer in a fight in which Canzoneri was a participant, read the slips incorrectly and the commission reversed the announcement after reading the slips.

Archie Ziebold, Montreal, Can.

Q.—Who is the heavyweight champion of Canada, Warrington or Shanks?

A.—Warrington is the champion. Shanks won the Montreal title only and in a recent fight with Al McCoy was knocked out. The Ring is trying to get Shanks and Warrington together for a Canadian Heavyweight title match.

Martin Holzman, Hoboken, N. J.

Q.—Who is the heavyweight champion of New Jersey? Has that been decided recently?

A.—No Tony Galento holds the title because he is by far the best heavyweight in the Skeeter State. The Ring is not arranging a championship match for New Jersey because it is a foregone conclusion that Galento would win it.

A Ring Reader

Q.—I have a good right hand and have speed and accuracy in punching. How can I develop my left? Does playing a horn build up the muscles in the mid-section? I have found that shadow boxing before a mirror has improved my boxing considerably and has made my style 100 percent better. Shall I continue it? Shall I turn pro now or wait. I'm 15 and stand 5 feet 5½ inches and weigh 126 pounds?

A.—Develop the left by constant practice just as you did in developing the right. Use my book, How to Box and follow the exercises carefully. That book and Training for Boxers is used for instruction by Spike Webb at Annapolis, the greatest coach of boxers in America. What is good enough for him and his pupils, he being a master at teaching, should be welcomed by amateurs everywhere. Playing the horn will develop your wind and muscles of mid-section and neck. I'm glad you practice before a mirror. I harp on that in the books I mention above. By all means continue. You would do better to continue as an amateur for another year.

Alice Thornton, Los Angeles, Cal.

Q.—Is Sandor Szabo recognized as heavyweight champion wrestler?

A.—No. That title belongs only to Bronko Nagurski.

Simon Shrader, Portland, Oregon

Q.—When was Marcel Thil recognized as undisputed world middleweight king?

A.—After he had defeated Gorilla Jones, the recognized American champion. To further his claim, he followed that with victories over every champion of every land where boxing is followed. He beat Len Harvey, Jock McAvoy, Carmelo Candel, Ignacio Ara, Kid Tunero, Tino Orlando, Erich Seelig, Lou Brouillard, and Vilda Jaks to earn international recognition.

Isador Hellfeman, Newark, N. J.

Q.—Was Ernie Schaaf a contender when he died?

A.—I'll say he was. Right on top ready for a world title shot in the heavyweight division.

Herbert Cottrell, Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

Q.—Why doesn't Patsy Perroni get more fights? How many did he have this year? Send me a book of your pictures.

A.—I don't know. Ask his manager. He knocked out Jack Roper, 2 rounds; stopped Johnny Erjavec and won from Roy Lazer in ten. We have no book. We have 40,000 pictures for sale here.

Trenton, N. J. Reader

Q.—I am 16 and weigh 160 pounds. What will I be at 21? I am 5 feet 10.

A.—I dislike answering these queries but will do so. At 21 you should be a heavyweight. I judge that you will be about 6 feet 2½ inches tall and scale about 194 pounds.

Arthur Sykes, Atlanta, Georgia

Q.—Where is Jimmy Erwin's fight Club?

A.—If you refer to the Erwin who handled Petey Sarron, then the answer is, Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama where he conducts professional fights.

Jack Keller, Lynch, Neb.

Q.—Does Bearcat Wright get any mention in your series on Black Dynamite? Do you carry his life story? Did Billy Petrolle and Tommy Gragan ever meet? What was the result?

A.—Not until final volume which will contain the champions from 1920 to the present day in all divisions except the story of Louis and Armstrong which is in the second volume, and all non-title holders who had at least a fair record. Grogan knocked out Petrolle on August 7, 1927 in the seventh round.

Arthur McAdam, Northport, L. I.

Q.—Did Dave Shade ever hold a title?

A.—No. but he came close to it. Few of his weight were better than Dave.

Charles Burmeister, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Q.—Did Norment Quarles ever hold a title?

A.—Yes, he was the southern champion in his division but he never was a world champion, if that is what you want to know.

Marlene McDonald, Cleveland, O.

Q.—Did Johnny Risko ever fight for the heavyweight championship? How would you rate him?

A.—No. He never did. He was one of the best in recent years. A top-notcher.

R. J. Lewis, Denver, Col.

Q.—I will soon be 17. I won the welterweight championship here at 147 pounds but had trouble making the weight. Then I competed in the middleweight class and at 155 pounds, I won the championship but found that division too tough. Would you advise that I train down to the welter class again or stick to middle for the next tournament I'm to enter?

A.—I would advise that you stick to middleweight. It is foolish for a boy at your age to reduce and stint himself of the food you should have just to get down to a definite fighting weight. Your normal weight as you suggest, is that of a middleweight. Eat Substantially, take proper exercise, develop into a strong middleweight and you'll find it better all around.

Martin Janos, Marlboro, N. Y.

Q.—Is Kid Charles Julian the same person as Colonel Julian, the Negro aviator?

A.—No. Kid Julian was a great fighter who thrived between 1909 and 1913. He was an Italian lad who fought some tough battles as a featherweight at a time when the field was full of good boxers. Matt Brock, Eddie O'Keefe, Johnny Kilbane, Tommy Murphy, Joe Coster and Jimmy Walsh were among the men he faced.

Martin Mogelesky, Milwaukee, Wis.

Q.—Was Jimmy Clabby a world champion? From whom did he win the title?

A.—He was one of a half dozen or more splendid middleweights who laid claim to the crown after the defeat of Billy Papke by Cyclone Johnny Thompson in 1911. Thompson won on points at Sydney, Australia, Thompson being at weight while Papke couldn't make the weight and after the fight Thompson claimed the title and received recognition from the Australian scribes. But Thompson soon outgrew the division and the title was in abeyance.

It was then that Clabby, Frank Klaus, Eddie McGorrty, Jack Dillon, George Chip and Mike Gibbons claimed the title. Chip had twice beaten Klaus but the rest had good claims. Clabby was as good as any. Clabby had a newspaper decision over Dixie Kid in 1910 went to Australia where he beat all comers and there was recognized by Australians as the fighter with the best record in the class. He had a pretty good claim on world honors.

Arlie Simons, San Francisco, Cal.

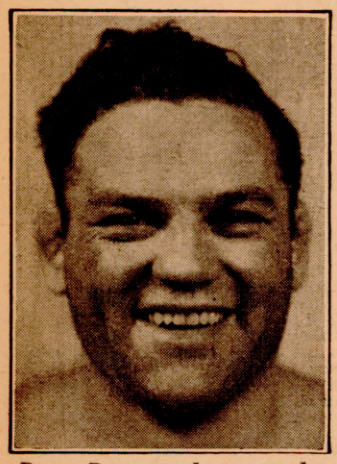
Q.—How many times did Jimmy Britt fight Battling Nelson. How often did he fight Joe Gans and what were the results?

A.—Nelson lost to Jimmy Britt in 1904 in 20 rounds, but stopped Britt in 18 rounds the following year. In 1907 he lost to Britt in 20 rounds and fought him a 10 round no-decision battle in 1910.

Jimmy Britt fought Joe Gans for the first time on October 31, 1904 and Britt lost on a foul in fifth round. Gans knocked out Britt on September 9, 1907 in six rounds after Britt broke his wrist in the fourth round.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By EMERY CLARKE



Dean Detton, who tops the Americans in matches won for the season in New Zealand.

JIM LONDOS, the Greek who ruled wrestling for a long time prior to the loss of his title to Danno O'Mahony in Boston, is king again. Jeemy regained the title with an airplane spin, from Bronko Nagurski in 47.11 at Convention Hall, Philadelphia. Before a gathering of 10,000 fans, the Greek Adonis gave a masterful exhibition.

The victory of Londos was not unexpected. For a long time it was known that Nagurski's reign was irksome to the syndicate handling him, and it was figured that if the promoters would pit him against Londos, the reign would come to an end. And so it did. The brute strength of Nagurski was no match for the skill of Jeemy, who was the favorite from the start.

When the end neared, Bronk hurled Londos to the canvas several times with vicious flying tackles and the Greek retaliated by banging Bronk with body slams. Then, realizing his advantage as Bronk weakened under the strain, Londos leaped on top of the football star and began to flatten his shoulders. Referee Clark began the count. Nagurski lifted one shoulder and the count ceased. Again the count started.

This time Clark tolled off slowly, one—two—three—then tapped Londos on the back, denoting that the title had changed hands. A frenzied mob greeted the decision, Londos being as popular in Philadelphia now as he was years ago when he and Dick Shikat engaged in their championship fracas.

It was the fourth time in Philadelphia's history that a wrestling title had changed hands there. As when Londos flattened Shikat in 1930, enthusiasm was high in Jeemy's favor. Expecting the change in title-holder, Lou Daro of Los Angeles had come across the continent to attend the show and to be first to congratulate the winner. Londos now will be Daro's biggest Pacific Coast attraction and will also tour New Zealand and Australia.

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ALTHOUGH outwrestled during the early stages, Londos' stamina began to assert itself after the half-hour mark. Nagurski brought his flying tackle into play three times, toppling Jeemy twice during each series and sending the ultimate winner out of the ring to the extension platform.

On each occasion, however, Londos returned to his task. Finally, Jeemy began to work on Bronko's left arm, twisting and pulling and yanking it over the ropes.

Nagurski appeared to weaken. He fell easy prey to an airplane spin . . . . and a second whirl over Londos' head again ended with the Bronk being thrown heavily to the linoleum.

In a final attempt to save his crown, Nagurski hurled himself at the smaller man with his attack borrowed from the football field. Twice Londos crashed to the canvas, only to regain his feet and go into his airplane offensive once more.

Round and round went Nagurski as Londos lifted him shoulder high in a crotch hold, then wham! Bronk hit the deck once more with Jeemy falling on top.

Nagurski wiggled and wriggled and tried to kick himself from under. One shoulder appeared to be a bit off the floor, but Referee Clark finished his toll in awarding Londos the championship.

Nagurski's defeat was his second during a career of six years and more than 200 matches. In his first season as a grappler, Bronko lost on a fall to Joe Cox at Minneapolis. He came back to win from the so-called "Dynamite" in a return bout.

Previous to Londos' victory over Shikat to become recognized in Pennsylvania as boss of world's bone-benders eight years ago, at a time when Gus Sonnenberg generally was accepted as title-holder, Wayne Munn was separated from the diadem on straight falls by Stanislaus Zbyszko in the Arena at Philadelphia in 1923.

After a number of changes in the championship Dave Levin, winner of the honors on a foul from Ali Baba, was deposed in Philadelphia in September, 1936, by Dean Detton, who lost the championship to Nagurski in June, 1937, at Minneapolis.

In a half-hour semi-final to Nagurski's defeat by Londos, Joe Savoldi grappled to a draw with Chief Little Wolf, while in another supporting scrap that went the limit Hans Kampfer was awarded the decision against Jules Strongbow after a limited twenty minutes' affair.

Frank Brown, Orville's brother, quit under pressure of a double leg-lock to the Golden Terror, 19:21; Pete Peterson pinned the Cardiff Giant, 12:57, and Tom Mahoney was downed by Chief Chewacki, 12:16.

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EUROPEAN WRESTLING GOSSIP, by Charles "Spider" Mascall, follows: Manchester, England, heads the mat news from Europe this month. Miss Kathleen Look, attractive Belle Vue Stadium promoter, was instrumental in bringing to grips bonny Douglas Clark, veteran ex-rugby footballer of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and Jack Sherry, the Alaskan. Sherry, claimant to the heavyweight championship of the world, resorted to butting tactics in order to beat the Englishman. Clark, built like "Strangler" Lewis, entered the ring with a badly cut eye and Sherry, utilizing elbow slams and head butts, aggravated the injury to such an extent that Clark was forced to withdraw in the seventh round.

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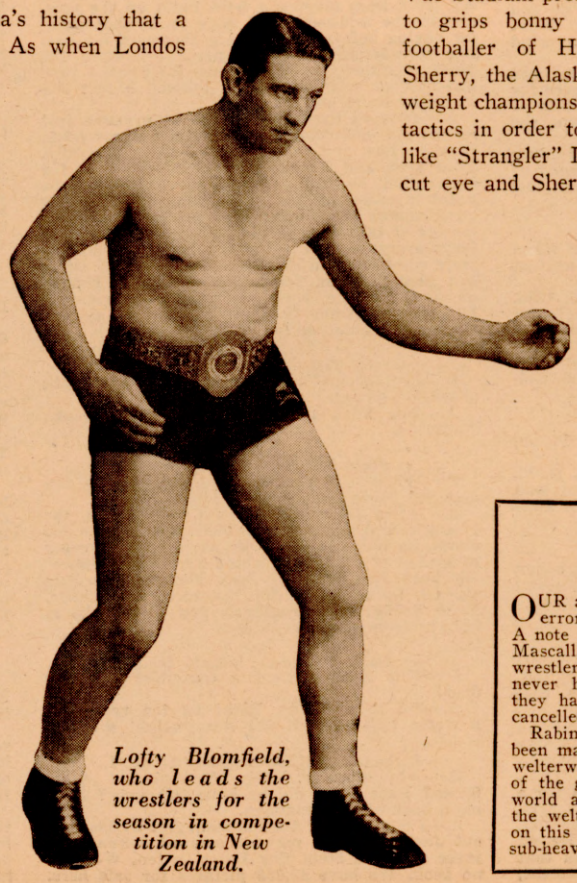
JUST FADS AND FANCIES—Steve Szaley, graduate of the Hungarian and Canadian



Lofty Blomfield, who leads the wrestlers for the season in competition in New Zealand.

Rabin Not Loser to Angus; Never Met

OUR attention has been called to a deplorable error in the December issue of THE RING. A note from our London correspondent, Spider Mascall, stated that Harry Rabin, English wrestler, once had lost to Harold Angus. Rabin never has been beaten by Angus. It seems they had a scheduled match and that it was cancelled.

Rabin, who is a resident of London, has been making impressive strides in the English welterweight grappling situation. Rabin is one of the greatest wrestlers at his weight in the world and would welcome a match to settle the welter supremacy. He would be welcomed on this side as we need great wrestlers of the sub-heavyweight divisions. We regret our error.

simon-pure ranks, improves his vocabulary by doing intricate cross-word puzzles . . . . Earl McCready, Empire champion and the slickest craftsman in the trade, owns a wheat farm in Canada and wrestles to help support its upkeep . . . . By profession, Joe Akron, burly heavyweight newcomer to this sector, is a surveyor, likes weight-lifting and is a rabid chess player . . . . Sandor Vary, the handsome Hungarian, does stunt work for Continental flickers . . . . Milo Steinborn—real name Henri Steinbach—is a former strongman . . . . Bulldog Bill Garnon, heavyweight champion of Wales, used to be a coal miner . . . . Hank Oswald ran a "milk-bar" while living in South Africa.

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Bonnie Alan Muir, Australian flying-tackle specialist, encountered Jack Pye, undisputed king of English badmen, in a free-style contest held at the Liverpool Stadium and lost after he had equalized the match. William Bankier promoted the meeting.

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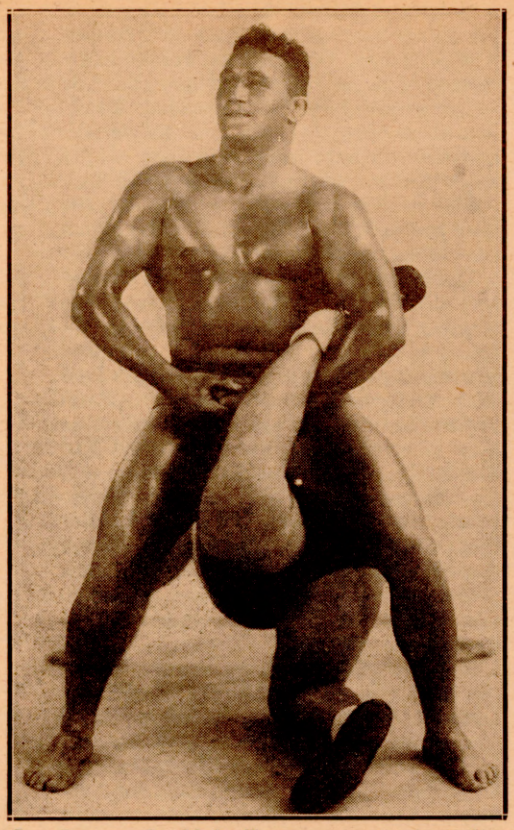
MIKE BRENDEL, winner of many Hungarian open tournaments, had his hands full of trouble when he clashed with Hank Oswald, the prince of wrestling globe-trotters, who is wintering in Paris. The joust, part of a program at the Salle Wagram, went to Brendel by an odd fall. Other contests ended with Cliff Olsen, United States, tumbling Arthur Gheveart in 13:04 minutes; Sandor Vary drawing Louis Loew in 20 minutes, and Albert Arnaud successfully defending his newly-won French middleweight crown against the onslaughts of challenger René Vandersipp in 20 minutes, 55 seconds.



Leo Jensen, the Globe Trotter, now in Australia.

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It was officially announced in London that a governing body, namely the British Wrestling Board of Control, had been formed to deal with matters pertaining to the mat industry in these parts. The new board will comprise of:—A. F. Bell of the Blackfriars Ring as chairman, Harold Lane as vice-chairman and Johnny Dale, Tuffnel Park matchmaker, as the secretary. Victor Berliner, general manager of the Blackfriars Ring, will act as adviser.

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Just a few nights before the temporary closing of Lane's London Club, Karl Pojello, smiling son of Lithuania, came to locks and holds with Rod Fenton, bearded, long-haired wrestling character and a former light-heavyweight champion of California. Jack Pye, Doncaster, had been scheduled to appear, but at the last moment failed to do so, and Arthur Williams, the matchmaker, was forced to fill the breach with Fenton, who made an able deputy. Pojello was far too clever for the bearded fellow and took the final fall with a "Boston-crab" hold. Lew Marco was the third man in the ring.

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Corn Hall, Norwich, where free-style wrestling is extremely popular, Maurice Letchford, South Africa, met Stanley Roberts in a fast and furious light-heavyweight duel. Roberts was fortunate to come out of the battle the victor. Associated with the betterment of the mat sport in this busy center are Joseph Hart Billy Woods, a rare old campaigner, and Daniel Webb.

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CURFEW CHATTER—Mixing with the muscle-men, we hear that . . . . Wrestling at the Tower, New Brighton, Karloff Manoognan, reputed Armenian title-holder and one-time conqueror of Steve (Crusher) Casey, defeated Rex Gable . . . . In London at the Blackfriars Ring, Rajah Ranjit, smooth Hindu stylist, debuted and vanquished Mike O'Sullivan. The Irishman was unable to continue after Rajah had taken the first fall with a reversed death-lock . . . . Benny Sherman, crack Alaskan light-heavyweight, is reported to have recently challenged Henri Deglane for a side wager of 20,000 francs. Sherman, in England during the preceding month, grappled circles around Bert Assirati, claimant to the British heavyweight title, only to have the bout declared a "no contest."

Assirati outweighed Sherman by more than thirty pounds but could, at no time, do anything with the agile Alaskan and hence no falls were gained by either man . . . . Jim Burnett, sojourning in South Africa where he dropped a straight fall decision to Earl McCready, has staked a gold claim and hopes to remain and work it . . . . Associated British Picture studios have been making a comedy picture—starring Lancashire comedian, George Formby—in which there are several amusing wrestling shots.

Tentatively titled *Trouble Brewing*, the flicker will bring before the kleig lights such local favorites as Tiger Tasker, Bobby McNab, former Empire Games ace; dashing Whipper Billy Watson, Chic Knight and Lew Marco. Francis P. Blake, aide-de-camp to Bob Gregory, supervised the technical side of the grappling scenes . . . . Barnstorming in Belgium are Graaf Stuz, Humberto Arpino, Albert Van der Auwera and Karl Pojello, while competing in a two-week tournament held in Sweden at Gottenborg were Freddie Ebert, Austria; Mark Passman, King Curtis, England; and Johan Richtoff, the Swedish Olympic champion.

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LEO JENSEN, the globe trotter, is in Australia where he went after his latest tour of New Zealand. Leo is no newcomer to the mat sport. He has been seen in action in this country and in other lands where the people follow the grappling game. For eleven months Jensen was under contract with the Transvaal Sporting Club of South Africa and was quite popular there according to Jack Robinson and St. John Dean, each of whom has been to THE RING office on visits to New York.

Leo wrestled for Raoul Paoli in Paris, for M. Berliner in England, Emil Klank in Canada, Al Haft in Columbus, Ohio, Max Bowman in Kansas City, Ted Thye in Portland, Oregon, for Joe Malcewicz in San Francisco. Joe, who is a splendid judge of wrestlers, thinks highly of Leo's ability. Jensen will return to the United States for a campaign when his contract is finished in Australia. Earl McCready took two falls and the match from Van der Walt in Johannesburg in what was advertised as the bout for the British Empire heavyweight title.

Abe Yourist was one of the favorites during the early part of the New Zealand season. He was popular there and likewise in Australia. He wrestled mainly in Brisbane.

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THE wrestling season in New Zealand has closed. The season was a banner one in which many stars from foreign lands, especially America, competed before big gatherings. The record for the season shows Lofty Blomfield, New Zealand's star grappler, one of the world's best, heading the list with a record of sixty-five bouts, of which he won forty-eight, drew in ten and fought six no-decision affairs. Dean Detton, former world champion, competed in *(Continued on page 56)*

Fight Fans Finally Hail Light-Heavies

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fighter. They fought for a $5,000 purse, and to Housman's utter chagrin, Gardner knocked Root kicking in twelve rounds! The title which Housman created for his own Jack Root had gone to another man at the first bidding.

With the brand new coronet on his noble noggin, Gardner was brought into San Francisco in the same year to fight Bob Fitzsimmons in defense of the newly created championship! Bob was weighing around 175 at the time, and it was a perfect set-up for the real launching of the division.

Fitzsimmons had lost his heavyweight title to Jim Jeffries and was quietly planning to fight himself back in order to challenge Jim Jeffries for a third fight. Fitz still was unconvinced! Fitz had given Jeffries such an unmerciful beating in their second fight, which was Bob's first attempt to regain the title, in San Francisco, that the "Great Ruby" fancied that he might get lucky in a third encounter! He knew that his hands had gone brittle and only a miracle punch, such as the one he landed to the solar plexus when he won the title from Jim Corbett at Carson City, Nev., could ever bring back his title.

The brittle hands again cracked up in the fight with Gardner, yet the freckled one bluffed Gardner into thinking the punches which Bob sent whizzing around Gardner's neck were meant to be knockout wallops and that he had missed them only by the fraction of an inch!

It was superlative cunning and it worked! Gardner's all-too-great a regard for Fitzsimmons' noted punches made it easy for Fitz to drive Gardner on the defensive.

Had Gardner dreamed that the man who was swinging such tremendous punches for his head had two utterly broken fists in his gloves, the decision never could have gone to Fitzsimmons at the end of twenty rounds.

That victory made it possible for Fitzsimmons to bask in the limelight as the first man who ever could claim that he had held three different ring titles. He had beaten Dempsey the Nonpareil in thirteen rounds for the middle, and Corbett in fourteen for the heavy. Now Bob had added the light-heavyweight championship to his string!

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FITZSIMMONS defended it just once —and lost it—when he pitched from his chair on his face as he was taking the minute's rest in a battle with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in the same ring. Defeat came in the 13th.

The two drew close to $20,000 and promoters hoped that O'Brien might create new interest in the class and drum up trade in a business which was falling off sadly because of the exit of Fitzsimmons and the fact that Jeffries had gone over the heavyweight field twice and had no more worlds to conquer.

O'Brien didn't prove to be a magnet. As a matter of fact he never even dignified the new title by defending it, and to this day, laughingly proclaims that he still is the champion of the class, "because I never was defeated for the honor."

It was eleven years before the title was again taken up seriously. O'Brien had let it slide after Fitzsimmons had collapsed in his corner in their bout back in 1905 and it wasn't until 1916 that the bauble again entered into a ring argument, Battling Levinsky and Jack Dillon deciding that it was about time that two giant-killers like themselves should have something to say about the almost forgotten championship.

They started something, as Gardner and Root had back in 1903. Levinsky and Dillon entered upon a real feud over the title.

The crown went to Levinsky finally after he had defeated Dillon in twelve rounds in Boston, foxy Dan Morgan, Levinsky's manager, making sure that a real title would go to the winner. Morgan revived the interest in the class with Levinsky's claim as Dan had brought the welterweight title back to earth when Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis of England had kicked up a fearful rumpus in the 147-pound division. Lewis had set himself up as champion after he had beaten Willie Ritchie. Morgan had them fight some twenty-one times, Britton finally winding up with the title as his own after it had passed between Jack and Ted three or four times.

For four years Levinsky seemed to rule the 175-pound circle without anyone being able to dispute his right to the crown. Aside from defending that crown, Levinsky was "poison" to heavyweights. Then the first big money appeared when Georges Carpentier, the "Orchid Man" of France, came over to fight Levinsky for the world's 175-pound crown. They drew around $80,000 on a New Jersey ball field and Carpentier won with a knockout in four rounds.

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CARPENTIER, often within punching distance of a title, even Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown, departed for Europe where he was hailed as the 175-pound champion for two years.

On this side Gene Tunney and Harry Greb were milling about to decide which of the two had a right to the American title. After Tunney had knocked out Eddie O'Hare he met Greb for the American crown and Greb gave the future heavyweight champion a fearful beating. Greb broke Tunney's nose and closed both his eyes. They led Tunney out the back door of old Madison Square Garden much as a blind man would have been guided into the night. Gene wound up in a hospital.

Tunney felt in his bones that he could defeat Greb and sought a second match. This time the American title went to Tunney, who outpointed Greb. They fought five times in all and after the third bout, Greb made a frank confession:

"I gave Gene a bad shellacking in our first fight. I don't think he deserved the second decision, but he gave me a thorough hiding in our third bout. Gentlemen, be prepared to acclaim Gene Tunney as the next heavyweight champion of the world!" That was one fighter's prediction which came true.

It is most significant that Greb took the trouble to come to Atlantic City to watch Dempsey training for that fight and once the conditioning drill was over, Greb went out and wagered $3,500 of his own hard-earned on Tunney to take the title from Dempsey at Philadelphia.

In the meantime, Carpentier had not defended that world's title and there was a cry for action among light-heavies.

Then there came a strange individual to enter the picture, the singular Senegalese, Battling Siki, a fellow who had bounded into European fame over night, it appeared. He wanted to fight Carpentier for the title and in order to convince Descamps, Carpentier's manager, that he would be a soft touch, Siki cut up some high old drinking didoes to throw the shrewd Carpentier crowd off guard.

They met in Paris and drew $60,000, Siki winning with a knockout in six rounds, just two years after Carpentier had flattened Levinsky.

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INSTANTLY, Siki became the rage. No fighter in years had received the publicity that this muscular fellow did. Everywhere the Singular Senegalese went, he was followed by an army of rubbernecks and autograph fiends. Then Mike McTigue got a bright idea. He'd invite the demon from the French West Indies over to Ireland to defend his title on St. Patrick's night, of all nights, yea of all nights!

They met in 1923 and McTigue got the decision at the end of twenty rounds and no title ever was won under more exciting circumstances.

There had been bitter fighting between Irish patriots and England's famous "Black and Tans" all day long and the rattle of rifle fire and heavier guns could be heard all through the fight. English writers who covered the Siki and McTigue story told me afterward that the tables on which they wrote at the ringside were constantly being jarred by the explosions of grenades in the streets not far from the arena. Mike won the title amid all this row.

The light-heavyweight idea formulated by Lou Housman twenty-three years before bore rich and luscious fruit on the night of July 26, 1926, when the two great punchers of the division, Jack Delaney and Paul Berlenbach, met in a Brooklyn ball park, the two drawing the stupendous sum of $461.767 for their duel of gloved fists, which Delaney won.

Delaney was such a terrific clouter that promoters began to urge him to invade the heavyweight ranks, which he did.

John Henry has not made a public declaration of his intention to desert the class, though it is almost certain that he will never be able to come back to 175 pounds after building up to offset the tremendous drives of Joe Louis.

Tommy Loughran and Mike McTigue fought for the title after Delaney deserted the class and Loughran was the victor in a bout which drew $76,000. Like Delaney and Lewis, Loughran eventually stepped down off the throne to fight in the heavyweight division.

This threw the light-heavyweight division into another of those slumps which has plagued it from its inception. Maxie Rosenbloom won a New York elimination tournament and Jimmy Slattery came up as the National Boxing Association's champion. They fought before a $60,000 house in Buffalo and Rosenbloom became champion. Bob Olin then won the title from Maxie in New York, the interest falling to a $15,000 gate. John Henry Lewis then became the champion by whipping Olin in 15 rounds in St. Louis, the two drawing around $17,000.

Boxing in England

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Others worthy of mention are Frank Erne, welterweight king of Scotland; Johnny Houlston, Welsh champ, and Harry Craster of Middlesboro, former Northern Area lightweight champion.

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LIGHTWEIGHTS are headed by the champion, Eric Boon, who defeated Dave Crowley by a K.O. in the 13th round to annex the crown. Crowley previously beat Jimmy Walsh for the title and also beat Mistos Grispos and Johnny Softley on points and lost a ten-round decision to Johnny McGrory, former holder of the featherweight championship.

Fighting in the lightweight class in Britain are as good boxers as can be found in any part of the world.

Arthur Danahar renounced the simonpure lightweight championship of Great Britain to turn to the moneyed ranks and become the rage of London. He has a 100% record and has engaged in thirteen contests.

The following have lowered their colors to Danahar, who is, by the way, a protege of the National Sporting Club of London: Fred Lowbridge, Boyo Rees, Freddie Wilcox, Jim Cameron, Hal Cartwright, Johnny Softley, Johnny Mack, Tommy John, Pancho Martinez, George Covaci, Jim Hurst, Douglas Kestrel and Dave Finn.

Danahar is a splendid boxer, with a hard punch in either glove. He has yet to fight over a longer distance than eight heats, but he will soon be playing knock-knock with the champ himself.

Eric Boon fought out of small halls to become a headliner. He hit the sports pages with a bang, and his opponents harder than that.

He beat Jimmy Walsh in a ten-round contest to achieve national fame, and that proved his first real step forward with the title for an objective. Other Boon victims were: Mistos Grispos (lightweight champion of Greece), George Reynolds and Mac Perez, a clever lightie from North Africa.

Jimmy Vaughan beat Dave Finn and Tommy Hyams to win the Southern Area lightweight title and drew with Jack Carrick, and Len Wickwar won over twenty straight victories before losing on a foul to Tommy Hyams when in front on points. Wickwar's latest win was over George Daly in five heats.

Jack Carrick of Hull is another boy with title aspirations, while Johnny McGrory, ex-featherweight king, who is now campaigning in the 135-pound class, beat Carrick on points in his first lightweight contest, and followed that up with a brilliant points decision against Dave Crowley, the reigning lightweight king, but was sensationally blasted out in two heats by the rising young Welsh lightweight, Ronnie James.

Dave Finn, Billy (Kid) Brooks, Johnny Finnerty, Len Lemaux, George Kelly and Al Lyttle can all be commended for excellent performances.

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JOHNNY McGRORY failed to make the weight when called upon to defend his featherweight crown against Benny Caplan, and so he forfeited the title, the championship being declared vacant.

Caplan, having fought his way up through a series of eliminating bouts, was declared chief contender and he and Spider Kelly of Londonderry battled for the right to be called British and Empire featherweight champion.

Caplan lost a brilliant fight on points; before losing to Kelly he had beaten Frank McCudden, Alex Alston, Jackie Hurst and John Cusick.

Ginger Foran, of course, spent most of 1938 in U. S. A. where his record is well known; he pleased British fight fans immensely by his great performances in American rings.

Dick Corbett beat Benny Caplan, Frankie Hill, Young Beckett and Mistos Grispos. Opponents seem to be few and far between for this clever and brilliant featherweight; opponents seemed to be giving him the run-around and he fought mostly lightweights.

John Cusick won the Northern Area featherweight title, but lost his big chance when Benny Caplan outpointed him in a final elimination, while Billy Charlton was the first to beat Jack Treadaway, ex-amateur; Charlton's best performances were his three close losing fights against Freddie Miller.

Dan McAllister of Belfast was a strong contender for titular honors until Spider Kelly gave him the works in three heats.

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BANTAMWEIGHTS are headed by Johnny King, British and Empire champion, who fought some good fights and also some bad ones. He recently lost to Gustave Ansini of Italy. His best fight this year was that with Freddie Miller, to whom he lost on points in a thrilling and pulsating contest that had the customers standing on their chairs. Five thousand fans stood up and howled disapproval when the referee gave the nod to Miller.

King also successfully defended his titles against Len Hampston, who was ruled out on a foul, and beat Johnny McManus.

Benny Lynch turned to the bantams but even in this division he could not make the weight. He lost on points to K.O. Morgan and was knocked out by Aurel Toma, both bouts at catchweights.

These losses have ruled Lynch out of the boxing picture, but it is to be hoped that he will be back with a bang before long.

Johnny McManus came forward when he put the skids under Jimmy Warnock in two stanzas and he also lost to Jim Brady, while Brady in turn won the Southern Area bantamweight championship, and Jackie Brown continued his climb up the comeback trail to score some good wins, chief of which was a smart knockout over Dave Kellar.

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FLYWEIGHT honors are taken by Peter Kane, who gave lots of critics and fans alike a pleasant surprise by winning the world's flyweight title from Jackie Jurich.

Kane is a terrific puncher who fights from gong to gong. His mighty fists have taken toll of the cream of British and Continental flyweights.

Tut Whalley stepped into the role of title contender when he beat his stable companion, Tiny Bostock.

Paddy Ryan also cropped up into the limelight when he belted out Frank Bonser in one round, and drew with Jackie Jurich.

Jimmy Warnock lost a lot of ground during the year of 1938. He was stopped by Frank Bonser and K.O.'d by Johnny McManus. The Irishman has a lot to do to regain his former status.

Pierce Ellis stepped into the limelight when he put the heat on Frank Bonser in five stanzas and also worthy of mention are Dave Kellar, Al McMoy, Freddie Tennant, Tommy Farricker, Jim McStravick and Hugh Cameron, the latter being a Scottish flyweight who shows great promise.

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CONNECTICUT NEWS

By LOUIS PRESLOFSKY

JOE DEJESSAS, Puerto Rican scrappy warrior, gave George Pepe, Meriden slugging mittster, a bad beating. He dropped him twice for nine-counts.

Promoters Al Caroly and Bob Melee have amateur shows at the New Haven Arena, New Haven . . . Wrestling shows are presented weekly at the Buckingham Hall, Waterbury, Conn.

The fighter deserving of mention is Irish Eddie Dolan, Waterbury's sterling welterweight, when the ratings of welterweights are to be considered. Dolan is my choice for the third place in the welterweight division because he has ably earned that position by having proved his superiority over two ranking welterweights, Charley Burley, who ranks third, and the world's sixth ranking fighter, Sonny Jones. Dolan won the unanimous decision over Charley Burley in the eight-round semi-windup to the Henry Armstrong and Young Charley Burns fracas at Pittsburgh last season, and whipped Sonny Jones decisively at Buffalo after fighting him a draw. These two fights took place this season.

Dolan has compiled a long string of consecutive victories. I sincerely hope Dolan will receive THE RING's recognition. He is a skillful boxer, has speed, is game, and has the ability to reach the top. Dolan is under the guidance of Jack Moore and Dave Karess.

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Saga of Heavyweights

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in secrecy at his Connecticut farm. It went so far that a promoting group visited him at his home to sound him out.

They scared the hen off the nest! Had Tunney been allowed to come out, with a formal announcement, in his own dignified way, the chances are that he and Schmeling would have faced each other over a set of six-ounce fighting gloves.

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SHARKEY was far out in front in the fight with Schmeling when the German received a body blow which put him in a sitting position on the floor. It was at this point that the quick thinking of little Joe Jacobs came to the fore.

I am almost sure that Schmeling had no notion of claiming a foul when he first hit the deck. He wasn't acting like a man who had been so incapacitated, yet he quickly registered groin agony the moment Jacobs began to yell "foul" at the top of his lungs. In a jiffy the ring was clogged with milling seconds, officials and busybodies with the result that one out of three officials declared that a foul blow had been struck. The referee and one judge vowed that they had not seen a foul blow delivered.

The boxing commission went into a huddle and several days later declared that Schmeling's claim was a sound one and that the board had come to the conclusion that the title must go to Schmeling. They had drawn $749,935, topping the $691,014 drawn by Tunney and Heeney before the prosperity crash.

Schmeling went to Germany to be acclaimed as a great hero on one hand and, on the other, to be tittered at because he had come into the championship while squatting on the floor of the ring.

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SHARKEY bitterly resented the charge that he had deliberately fouled Schmeling when he found himself slipping and felt the sting of the German's right-handers to his jaw.

Jack vowed that he would bide his time and head off the rest of the contenders if they got too gay. Big Primo Carnera had swept into and over the country with giant strides. He was a tremendous fellow and his feats in the ring certainly were awe-inspiring if really they were genuine. There were all sorts of rumors about Primo winning the easy way. Ugly stories were going the rounds.

Sharkey eventually caught up with the huge fellow and outpointed him in fifteen rounds, putting the giant on the deck in one of the early rounds for a count of nine.

That knockdown brought about one of Sharkey's famous ring brainstorms which might well have ruined Jack's chances of getting the title crack at Schmeling. Sharkey floored the big Italian and when Primo, getting up at the count of "six," again fell without being struck, Sharkey immediately fancied that Carnera had lost on a foul.

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GUNBOAT SMITH was the referee and to his everlasting credit, remembered the rules under which the men were fighting. In the days when the Marquis of Queensberry rules were in vogue, a man automatically was disqualified when he went down without being hit. The Walker law under which the bout was being fought, was revised and expressly stated that a man who falls on getting up from a knockdown, is not penalized and that the count merely continues.

Sharkey seemed to think that there was a plot on hand to job him out of victory. He raced around the ring like a madman, shouting that he was being bilked and when near his corner, made a dive for the ropes, fully intending to quit the ring then and there. Not knowing or forgetting that Smith was right about the count, Sharkey wanted to quit the place and he would have rushed blindly away from ultimate victory had not his fat manager, Johnny Buckley, stuck his rotund stomach in Jack's path and prevented him from leaving the ring.

Sharkey then went on to win the fifteen-round decision and establish himself as the top challenger for Schmeling's title. For two years, Schmeling gave Sharkey the run-around before he finally agreed to face Jack in a return bout. The German had risked his title against Young Stribling in the meantime and nailed the "Georgia Peach" in the last few seconds of the fifteen-round bout in Cleveland.

Times were "hard" by now and it did seem that the million dollar gate had passed with Dempsey.

They met. Sharkey got even when the decision went to Jack at the end of fifteen rounds. It was a close squeak and the verdict might well have gone to either man.

Schmeling was to blame for his own defeat. With one of Sharkey's eyes entirely closed, the German may have triumphed had he gone on about his business but he fought a hesitant, none too aggressive battle against a man who seemed utterly surprised when the official verdict made him the new heavyweight champion of the world.

The sad news, so far as the promoters were concerned, was that the two drew but $475,000 and sadder still was the tale of woe when, exactly one year later, Sharkey was knocked out by his old enemy, Primo Carnera, before a crowd which had paid but $198,289 to see the coronet again settle on the noble dome of a foreigner.

I don't know what thoughts passed through the minds of Dempsey or Tunney. Jack had tried a comeback tour at one time but when the lowly King Levinsky smacked him around in a four-round "exhibition" Jack had locked the trunk on his fighting tack.

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THEN came the handsome swashbuckler out of the West. Max Baer would pick up the burden of regaining the title for America. He said he knew he was Carnera's master, and so he proved to be.

In all my years of following the going and coming of champions, never did I see a man win a title with such glamorous execution as did Baer. One would have thought that Max was putting on a gymnasium lark for a crowd of two-bit customers. He kidded, laughed and clowned to his heart's content. At one point he did the most astonishing thing I ever saw in a ring.

Apparently he had run out of resin in his corner and when the bell rang for this particular round, Baer walked around big Carnera, excusing himself with: "Just a moment, Preem," and so saying, Baer walked into Primo's corner, nonchalantly crushed the resin in that corner into the soles of his fighting shoes and then walked back to face Carnera.

Nothing quite so audacious ever was perpetrated in a fighting ring and it left the big Italian open-mouthed with surprise. From that time on Carnera was eating out of the Livermore lulu's hand.

It was just such antics as this which made Baer attractive. He must have been something of a magnet when it is noted that he drew $428,392 against the Italian, quite a jump from the amount taken in when Sharkey lost to Primo.

About this time young Louis began his climb to fame. A hitter, he made rapid strides. He bowled them over as fast as they came, few men being able to stick the distance with him.

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BEFORE Joe had fully established himself, Jim Braddock, off the docks and relief, had come back to the ring to be called the "Cinderella Man" of Fistiana. He was victorious in battles against John Henry Lewis, Corn Griffin and Art Lasky, and the boxing board voted him the challenger for Baer's title.

Sound judges of boxing declared it a shame that they should permit "old" Jim to fight the dashing big youngster from California. Baer's terrific punching, they said, would probably ruin Braddock for life, and he entered the ring a 20-to-1 shot.

There came one of the most incredible upsets of ringdom's history. Braddock became the new champion and indeed he now was the "Cinderella Man." The docks, the starvation days of relief behind him, Braddock began to acquire a fortune. To his great credit, the first thing he did on gaining the title and coming into important money was to reimburse the Government of the United States for relief loans.

Jim had come from nowhere, knocking into a cocked hat the old adage that to the young stalwarts must fall the ring crowns. Two terrific hitters were about to camp on Braddock's throne-room doorstep. Schmeling and Louis. He would have to fight one, perhaps both of them, if he were to retain his title.

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SCHMELING was to be the man because of a pledge made by the boxing board, should Schmeling eliminate Louis. Perhaps the fistic fathers thought that they were getting rid of a dangerous contender when they ordered him to fight the "Brown Bomber."

The German entered the ring a 12-to-1 shot and he wasn't given a Chinaman's chance to win even by his most ardent admirers. He knocked Joe out in 12 rounds and there was every reason to believe that the German and Braddock would fight it out for the title.

It didn't turn out just that way. Braddock was manipulated into a defense of the title against Joe Louis because it was a better money maker for Braddock and everybody seemed anxious to see the "Cinderella Man" wind up his career with a fat purse.

He met Louis and went down fighting, flooring the brown challenger in the first minute of the fray. That was his one big splurge and Louis became the champion.

Australia the Land of Sportsmen

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and exciting bout. His left eye completely closed in the second round, and dropped for a nine-count in the third, Lesnevich fought against desperate odds and was coming on strong at the finish, while Richards preserved his strength sufficiently to be able to hold his lead at the finish.

Ron was at his best in this particular bout. His left jabs were cutting but it was his right cross and powerful uppercuts which effected most of his damage. Richards is a counter-puncher, cool, collected and rarely makes any false moves.

Against Lesnevich, he looked great because Gus was a perfect foil. Lesnevich forced the fighting. His jabs annoyed Ron to a great extent, but they did not carry the same heavy power as did Richards' thrusts. Fans acclaimed both winner and loser. It was a brilliantly waged performance on the part of both and was well received. Referee Mick Lacey did his job in workmanship fashion. He is a splendid referee.

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ALABAMA KID made his initial display an auspicious one when he belted out Jimmy Starr in the first round of their ten-round bout. Alabama made a show of his opponent and after scoring two nine-second knockdowns, the referee halted the bout. Alabama went over big and there should be plenty of lucrative matches in store for him here. He is a showman and his style appealed to the people. About ten thousand fans contributed forty-four hundred dollars for this open-air show.

An unsatisfactory finish which left a sour taste in the minds of about 7000 fans was brought about in the eighth round of the scheduled fifteen-round contest between Fred Henneberry and Allen Matthews at the Sydney Stadium.

They had been going along for six rounds with plenty of hot exchanges. Matthews was leading by a comfortable margin. He had landed effectively with straight lefts and right-hand uppercuts. Henneberry fought a determined, aggressive fight and carried the fight to his opponent.

In the seventh round, coming out of a clinch, Henneberry's face was covered with blood. A severely injured optic was responsible for the claret. Fred fought with fury and at times forgot the rules. He used his arms and elbows in a desperate attempt to turn the tide. When the round ended, his face was covered with blood. It hardly seemed possible for him to come out for the next round.

Referee Joe Wallis examined Henneberry's eye between rounds and was ready to stop the fight. This brought a roar of protest from Henneberry. When the bell sounded for the beginning of the eighth round, Henneberry pushed his seconds out of the corner and commenced hostilities, with Matthews a willing customer, to wage battle.

Unable to see properly, Henneberry threw aside all caution. He fought viciously and desperately with fists flying. But he went beyond that. He used arms and elbows, and butter with his head, and the referee stopped the fight. He tapped Matthews on the head as a token of victory.

There was no official decision rendered and the outcome was in doubt as to the official verdict. Whether Matthews won on a technical knockout or Henneberry was disqualified, was problematical until the referee was located in the dressing room, where he declared that he had disqualified Henneberry for using his head. It was an unsatisfactory finish to a rough, gruelling match.

Opinion was divided as to who was leading on points when the fight ended, but it was my opinion that Matthews was well ahead when the battle terminated. The show drew a gate of £927, which figured approximately $3700 in American money.

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AN individual who has done considerable to raise the standards of boxing and wrestling in Australia is Cyril Angles, prominent sports announcer on the radio. His talents are diversified. In addition to broadcasting horse and greyhound racing, he is great on boxing and wrestling. His vivid imagination and descriptive powers over the radio have been so effective that he was barred from the race tracks, the racing officials' excuse being that he was too good and that his descriptions kept customers away from the course.

In the wrestling game, he has been pictured as the man who revived the sport with his remarkable work on the air. His act is much better than the performing wrestlers. It would not be surprising to me to see Mr. Angles brought to the United States by the National Broadcasting Company. As a sports announcer, he would far outshadow anyone in the States, and that includes Sam Taub, Ted Husing, Clem McCarthy, and other stars. Take my word for it.

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JOE HALL, who disputes Mickey Miller's claims to the featherweight title because of three decisions, is intent on making a record for activity. He fights on an average of once a week. He has shown decided improvement and is a top-notcher. He whipped Cec Rogers at the Stadium and the following night stopped Bub Anderson in nine rounds.

He then carried on to whip Tommy Loder, kayoed Lee Brander in four rounds and stopped Stan Smith in the fourth, after scoring two knockdowns. With the coming of Johnny Hutchinson, Jackie Wilson, Tony Dupre and Sammy Garcia, Hall will be in line for plenty of work. Hall is a glutton for work. There is no boxing commission here to tell a fighter how often he can engage in bouts during a week.

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TOMMY VAUGHAN, a twenty-one-year-old youngster in the middleweight class, seems to be headed for bigger things. When the boy was a youngster he was thrown into the ring with Ron Richards and suffered a severe setback. He has since changed managers and has won four consecutive bouts. A few more months and Tommy will be ready for Fred Henneberry or any of the invading middleweights.

Atilio Sabatino, the dusky Puerto Rico middleweight, has been accepted as a native Australian by the sporting fraternity and has developed into one of the biggest attractions here.

No matter whether Sabatino meets American or foreigner, the fans hail him. They like his style. That is the way with Australian fight fans.

The fight situation in Sydney is still controlled by two different factions. The Stadium Limited, with W. Donohoe in charge, has Charley Lucas as his American representative and Harry Miller acts as the Stadium manager. Benny Bear, who has been promoting open-air shows only at the Sports Ground, is identified with Jack Munro. They will have an indoor place to compete with the Stadium's winter program when the Arena, which has a seating capacity of 14,000 will be completed.

Bear has Richards, Ambrose Palmer, Atilio Sabatino, Gus Lesnevich and Alabama Kid under exclusive option, while the Stadium has Ossie Stewart, Allen Matthews, Speedy Cabanelo, Kid Irish and a cargo of others on the way. Fred Henneberry is a free lance and fights for whatever promoter offers the best terms. Who said that Mike Jacobs has the exclusive monopoly on tieing up fighters? When a fighter is bound exclusively to one promoter here, he is really tied up.

Galento Has Rival

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Not that he was scared, but because of the flurry of punches rained on him. Musto again won unanimously, this being his twenty-first encounter.

The fight with Tyrus Smith, says Musto, was his toughest. He says that he didn't have any trouble hitting Smith, but the blows that Tyrus threw Tony's way were knockout wallops and Tony could hear a buzz as they went around his neck.

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AS an amateur, Tony battled against 108 simon-pures, winning 80 of them and losing the balance. Thus, you can readily see the advancement he has made. Tony put in three years of competition as a simon-pure. He is a product of the Golden Gloves. On three successive occasions he gained the semi-finals. Tony's ascension into the boxing circles was under the tutelage of Red Quinn. Red owned and operated a gym at 79th and Wentworth Avenue, where Tony was taught the rudiments of boxing. Tony, who, at that time, weighed about 230 pounds, was schooled along the crouching stance, because of his size.

I asked Tony how he happened to enter the boxing game, and he replied:

"I always seemed to be in a scrap at Blue Island High School, where I made a pretty good name for myself in fights. My brother-in-law heard so much about my street scrapping that he urged me to take up fighting. And it was through him that I started with Red Quinn, now dead.

"There were eleven children in our family—eight boys and three girls—but three of them died. None of my brothers went in for boxing. My parents don't object to my fighting. They are satisfied.

"So far, I have purchased a home for the folks. That is, I have paid off two mortgages, with just a third one left to keep me from owning the home so my dad won't have to keep on working much longer. I also want to help put my kid brothers through school, and then I do some saving."

Nat Fleischer Says:

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EVEN the most fervent booers did not question the verdict, but this did not stop their hooting an exhibition which should have been hailed. In only one round was Garcia clearly superior, the twelfth, when he came dangerously close to stopping the double champion. Midway in the contest it seemed he might not be able to last the limit, and there was no doubt as to the winner at the end.

If for no other reason than the phenomenal record he has made in the ring, Henry Armstrong is undeserving of such treatment. Not as busy in 1938 as he was in '37, his victories were all of high quality. His trick of beating men like Lou Ambers, Barney Ross and Ceferino Garcia is outstanding in the annals of pugilism. Elsewhere in this issue of THE RING the work of Armstrong and Louis during the year is dealt with more at length.

The statement made by some that Armstrong's rough-and-ready style is responsible for the antagonism of some of the customers, is puzzling when it is considered that the same customers flock to his fights in numbers only exceeded by the turnouts for Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. If Hank's style figures to make him unpopular, how about Dempsey, who was as sociable a playmate in the ring as a cageful of starved tigers!

The mere fact that the lightweight Henry, was in there with such a devastating welterweight as Garcia, champion or no, should have evoked cheers from the gathering. Many champions would have made every effort to delay a meeting with such a formidable foe as long as possible. But Henry's lot was hoots and boos.

Strange indeed is the way of the fight fan!

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THE defeat of Eddie Phillips by Len Harvey in a bout that was staged to find the successor to Tommy Farr as British heavyweight king, eliminated the man who was thought by most British critics to have a chance to put the Empire on the pugilistic map as an outstanding performer. It was pointed out time and again that Eddie had conquered Farr on several occasions and it was even hinted strongly that Tommy had quit British soil for an American campaign because he feared a fourth engagement with Phillips after three defeats, but the manner in which Harvey beat Eddie shows Phillips to be below the caliber of the outstanding heavyweights. Harvey, a veteran, had Eddie down for a nine count and when Phillips got to his feet, fouled Len, who is now the British heavyweight king as well as the cruiserweight champion.

Len has been at it for some time. Every now and then his retirement is announced only to find him coming back into the ring when he sees a fit opponent. By his victory, Harvey now occupies a unique position in British fighting, he having been champion in four divisions—welterweight, middleweight, light-heavyweight and now the heavyweight section.

Len's leading rival for several years has been Jock McAvoy, who was beaten by Harvey for the cruiserweight crown. Jock, after a long retirement caused by injuries, has returned to the ring and is clearing all opposition. In his first two starts since last May he stopped Jack Stringbrow in five rounds and then took the measure of Joe Quigley in ten.

Jock is one of the hardest hitters in his division. He is England's middleweight king but because of lack of opponents, he finds it necessary to fight the light-heavyweights. McAvoy is one of the world's ranking middleweights.

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THE knockout of Joey Archibald by Pete Scalzo in New York City in the second round is vindication of THE RING in its attitude towards commission-made champions. Our rating at the time that Archibald was pronounced "world featherweight king" by the New York Commission, showed Joey in eighth place among world feathers, no more entitled to consideration as title-holder than I was. Yet the New York board created a position for him and in his first bout as "champion," he was put out of the picture by Scalzo in an over-the-weight match. Pete came in three pounds over the class limit by arrangement.

Again I say, let's have common sense rulings by those who are paid to take charge of boxing. Commissions that haphazardly create champions hold themselves up to world ridicule. I am one hundred per cent in favor of continued ruling of the sport by such legislative bodies, but I am equally opposed to the ridiculous ruling so often made by men who should know better.

With an eye on a fight with Leo Rodak for what he thinks will be designated by the National Boxing Association as a world title match, Scalzo went out to end his affair with Archibald in a hurry. Through Pete Reilly, his mentor, who so ably handled the affairs of Freddie Miller when the Cincinnati lad was world title-holder, Scalzo was told to finish Archibald if he could and thus put him out of the picture. This he did with a vengeance. He started punching with both hands, landed lefts and rights to the Providence battler's head in the opening session, then dropped Archibald twice in the second round. The third time he went down he failed to get up before the fatal ten was counted.

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ON the same night that Archibald received his setback in New York, a stablemate, Lou Ambers, continued his climb to another title match with Henry Armstrong by battering his way to a seventh round kayo over the veteran Frankie Wallace in Ed Bang's great Christmas Fund show. Ambers, who is entitled to a return engagement with Armstrong, is forcing recognition by continued good work. He is undoubtedly the world's outstanding challenger.

The Cleveland show also found Armstrong adding to his laurels by stopping Al Manfredo of California in 1.45 of the third round of a welterweight championship mill and Solly Krieger, New York middleweight king, taking the measure of Carmen Barth in a tough mill that went the limit. Petey Sarron, who as a lightweight has been making a steady climb up the contenders' ladder, gave the Cleveland Golden Gloves champion, Mike Gamiere, a boxing lesson.

Ed Bang, veteran scribe, who has been taking care of the kiddies' Christmas toys for many years through his annual show, as usual, put on a great all-star card. Cleveland owes Bang a vote of thanks.

New Faces

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of these he won all but nine. Seventy-nine victories were scored via the knockout route. He turned professional only a year ago and since then he has taken the measure of many good boys.

He knocked out Battling Raymond in 1.58 of the first round in Chicago; Joey Richards in 1.15 of the first session in the same city; Joey Bolin at Cleveland in the third round; Joe Straface at Pittsburgh in the second; beat Young Chocolate in Pittsburgh; knocked out Jackie Fields in Pittsburgh in the second; won over Wesley Martin of Pittsburgh; lost to Emil Joseph in the Smoky City; beat Hank Pershing in Cleveland, and won over Ralph Gizzy in Smoketown, among other victories. He is an excellent club fighter and has a big following.

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CALIFORNIA has two budding lads in Red Farmer, a hard-hitting middleweight, and Mexican Joey Silva, a Los Angeles featherweight. Farmer, who hails from Honolulu but now makes his home on the Coast, recently dropped a ten-round decision to Carmen Barth, but despite that setback, California critics think the boy has the making of a fine fighter.

Previously he had knocked out Allan Matthews, no mean feat. He did the same to Bobby Yannes and to Sydney Brent before losing to Barth.

"Watch this middleweight," is the word that has come out of California.

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MEXICAN JOEY SILVA is well thought of on the Pacific Coast. He, like Baby Arizmendi and other Mexican scrappers, doesn't know what the words "let up" mean, once he gets into the roped square. He likes to fight and gives all that is in him when in action.

Mexican Joe's best feat was to hold Johnny Hutchinson to a draw. Considering that the Philadelphian is one of the world's ranking featherweights, that eight-round draw in Atlantic City was a feather in the cap of the Coast scrapper. Silva has come East in an effort to force the issue with the cream of the talent. He thinks he is ready for the top flight boys and is eager to exchange blows with them.

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A GOOD prospect around New York is a colored lad named Bobby Birch. Bobby has the makings of a top-notcher and it won't surprise his Metropolitan followers to see him up near the top in the near future. He has everything a good fighter should possess. Birch has not been in the game long, but during the time he has performed as a professional, he has been an eye-opener.

In seven fights since last November, he has been undefeated. He whipped Vincent Buffalo in eight rounds as a starter, then took the measure of Jose Rodriquez, whom he stopped in seven sessions. Larry Marinucci was next in line, and he lost a six-rounder. John Pavlovich dropped a four-round decision to Bobby, Ben Wojack was stopped in two, Jimmy Walsh was kayoed in the first and Pancho Villa lost in six. Not a bad record for a beginner.

Muddled Maulers!

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sions when it comes to nominating champions and standing behind those decisions. The plain facts in the case are that there is too much arbitrary interference with titles and title-holders. Commissions here and other controlling forces abroad are continually at loggerheads. There is no sound reason why there should not be a more fixed understanding among all governing bodies, but the moment that universal consolidation is mentioned they all scatter like quail. New York has often agreed to join hands with other state commissions in the conduct of the sport but the moment one board makes a ruling not in keeping with the ideas of the other, all ties are severed and "working agreements" fly right out the window.

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RIGHT now there seems to be no hope of bringing Apostoli and Krieger together for a showdown. Fred will be championed by New York and Krieger will have the backing of the National Boxing Association, which seems never to have worked in complete harmony with New York.

Perhaps these boxing fathers can find some way to pluck the flyweight and featherweight muss out of the magician's hat. If they did it will be a miracle. The flyweight mixup makes the feather and middle muddles seem mild. The person who can pin a rose on the flyweight champion at this moment would indeed be called a "miracle man."

Things seemed to be going along beautifully while Benny Lynch of Glasgow apparently was the top tyke of that division. Small Montana, recognized as the champion on this side of the Atlantic, went to Europe and lost a nip-and-tuck decision to the little Scot.

They called Benny the undisputed world's champion then and he seemed to have every right to call himself king. Ah, but there was another contender! Jackie Jurich of California came across the Atlantic to beard Lynch in his den and they were matched to fight for the world's title. Jurich had eased into the picture on the strength of having won a decision over Montana in California. There was a lot of argument over it but Jurich got the decision in San Jose and on those they pay off.

To the utter astonishment of the European critics, Lynch came in eight pounds over the weight on the day of the fight and Jurich's manager claimed the title. The British board relieved Lynch of his title and the fight was ordered on as a non-title affair. Jurich hoped that he might get lucky and defeat Lynch. Had Jurich done so he would have headed for home, vowing that he was the champion and nobody would have blamed him for making such a claim. He didn't get lucky, however. Lynch knocked him out and immediately joined the bantamweight class.

Peter Kane, one of England's best, then met Jurich and again the Californian was beaten.

Small Montana came to New York and fought Katsumi Morioka, and the New York board, in an effort to iron the thing out, asked Montana to fight Little Dado of California to settle the title rights. After he had beaten Morioka, Montana's manager refused to sign for the New York bout with Dado, then changed his mind and signed to meet Dado in Oakland, Cal. Only the other day the California commission named Dado as the flyweight champion of the world after he had whipped Montana in nine out of ten rounds. Why? What of Peter Kane? Has he no say in the matter? Why NOMINATE any boy for the office of champion until he has FOUGHT his way to the throne? Lynch, a foolish young man from all accounts, now is entirely out of it. He'll never again make the weight. He probably is through with the ring unless he can take a grip on himself and attend to training. It seems hardly possible that he's finished.

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THE featherweight division is boiling over, the "nomination" of Joey Archibald as the champion of the division being the cause of considerable pow-wowing. Archibald got a decision over Mike Belloise in New York and the New York board said that Archibald was the champion. Henry Armstrong, who had claimed the title when he stopped the globe-trotting Petey Sarron, had to relinquish the title when he found that he couldn't keep down to that weight and build himself up properly to defend the welter and lightweight crowns.

Henry was a small man with a great big job on his hands and the featherweight crown had to go by the boards. Belloise was the champion, in New York at least, when he was taken down with pneumonia and while recuperating, he agreed to step aside and permit Sarron and Armstrong to fight it out for the title. Petey had established a fine record abroad and he and Armstrong had it out. There was little question about Armstrong's right to the title at the time he halted Sarron.

The New York commission had made an agreement with the ailing Belloise, that if he stepped aside and permitted the division to percolate in the year or more that he would be out of the ring regaining his strength, they would consider him as challenger No. 1 whenever he chose to return to the ring and fight for that particular title.

It was in keeping with this promise that the board saw fit to sanction the bout between Archibald and Belloise as being for the title which Armstrong had vacated. Sarron didn't enter into this new arrangement. He was wafted out of the picture when he crumpled before Armstrong's windmill blows.

There were others, however, who bitterly assailed the action of sponsoring Archibald as the new champion. Joey had earned the right to meet Belloise, if Belloise really was the man to fight for the title, only because of a twelve-round decision Archibald had gained over Belloise in Washington, D. C. Before this bout the NBA tried to force a Rodak and Archibald fight. Joey took on Belloise instead and the NBA refused recognition of Archibald.

It was the old, old story of the NBA and New York rocking the boat. The NBA wanted Rodak to get his chance. After Archibald had defeated Belloise, the NBA wanted Joey to sign articles within 30 days and to fight the winner of the Rodak and Miller bout within sixty days. No dice. Archibald began to reach out for bids from abroad, one coming, supposedly, from the National Sporting Club, Ted Broadribb setting forth in a cabled message that Archibald could get $12,500 for fighting "Ginger" Foran.

That being the case, you won't find Master Archibald rushing into a TITLE bout with a tough hombre like Leo Rodak. The urge to make money while the sun shines is uppermost in the mind of every lad who stumbles into a title.

Rodak loomed up with the protest which sounded more convincing than those presented by Freddie Miller, Jackie Wilson, Tony Dupre or Al Reid, "Chalky" Wright.

Rodak had beaten every featherweight he had met including Jackie Wilson and especially Freddie Miller, who had traveled all over the world to establish himself as top man among the challengers. Some commissioners said Miller was king. When Rodak took Miller's measure it made Leo the most important factor in the run up to the title and until Archibald faces him in a bout over the title distance there will remain a blot on Archibald's claim. Of course, like Krieger, he's in there with "champion" written after his name and he'll probably take down considerable money in purses while Rodak is chasing him with his protests and offers for a showdown.

Lack of cooperation among commissions has brought about this tangle and championships will remain under a cloud so long as these great governing bodies pull in different directions. Chaos is the order at present and it will so remain unless titles are won and lost in the ring. Commissions mean well and there is no question as to the honesty of purpose so far as the New York board is concerned. They have been lambasted right and left and perhaps they have brought condemnation down on their own heads. Often, however, when they set about on a certain plan, they carry it out with the hope that they are clearing up a bad situation.

Champions, legitimate title-holders, are greatly at fault. They duck formidable opponents by engaging in over-the-weight matches, to my mind the worst curse in boxing. They are meaningless, money-making schemes with nothing at stake with which to lure the followers of boxing.

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BLUNT BILL BROWN of the New York boxing board is one man who stands ready to make a fight against these matches. He said as much in speaking to newspapermen recently.

"If I had my way about it, there would be no more over-the-weight matches. Champions stall around for six months, fighting these kind of bouts against inferior opponents and then they hop in and fight anybody but a real challenger in order to cover themselves on the six months' rule. I'd make them defend their title, lay it right on the line, every time they climbed through the ropes if I was the boss around here," said Brown.

Promoters will raise their hands in abject horror at Brown's suggestion. They claim that many good matches come out of this over-the-weight business and that it serves to keep the champions in action if nothing else. Were it not for the over-the-weight matches, say the promoters, the champions would simply fade out of the picture and would not fight again until the six months respite was up.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

A SHORT arm punch driven by Kid Tanner, fly, bantam and featherweight champion of British Guiana, to the body of Pete Rogier of Belgium in the fifth round, put the latter down and Referee Jack Smith stopped the contest. The Belgian was taken to a hospital, where it was ascertained that he was suffering from a broken rib. The contest drew a large crowd at Liverpool Stadium, where Tanner has become a firm favorite.

Fred Mills, the young Bournemouth middleweight, scored a K.O. victory over Fred Clements of Cambridge in the sixth of a scheduled ten-rounder at Portsmouth.

Vic Morris of Wales gave a boxing lesson to Johnny Softley of Poplar when they met at East Ham over twelve rounds, and was an easy winner on points.

Jimmy Wilde of Swansea defeated Dom Lydon of Ireland over ten rounds at Cardiff before a good crowd. The decision received a mild reception.

Jim Lawlor of Lowestoft knocked out Charlie Parkin of Mansfield in the seventh of a scheduled twelve-round contest at Kentish Town.

A crowd of 7,000 fight fans gathered at the N.S.C. show at Earls Court, when Eric Boon of Chatteris met Mac Perez, lightweight champion of North Africa, over ten rounds.

After taking a few hard punches in the first round, Perez went into a ducking and diving business. All the work done by Boon was frustrated by the North African's tactics. The referee, George Gerrard, cautioned him three times, which did not make any effect on his boxing, and when he ducked again into the lower regions of Boon's body, the referee ruled him out, and awarded the decision to Boon.

Arthur Danahar of Bethnal Green started his eight-round contest against Douglas Kestrell of Cardiff in a great hurry, for in the first round he had Kestrell on the canvas for a long count, and when he was defenseless against the ropes, with Danahar dealing out punishment, Referee Jack Morris stopped the contest, which was plainly one-sided.

A heavyweight contest which had the crowd on its feet was seen between James J. Britt of South Africa and George Markwick of Cuckfield, Sussex, ex-heavyweight champion of the British Army.

They were matched over eight rounds, and both took heavy punishment, but a surprise came in the seventh when Markwick, who was comfortably ahead on points, received a right to the jaw that put him down for eight, and after rising, the referee stopped the contest, whilst Markwick protested vigorously. The crowd did not take kindly to the referee's action.

Dai Jones, Welsh middleweight champion, outpointed Mahomed Fahmy of Egypt in an eight-rounder that was full of thrills, and Jones was a worthy winner.

Belle Vue, Manchester, was packed to the doors on the occasion of the show for the Victoria Jewish Hospital Charity Fund.

The contests were first class, and a successful tourney was seen. Johnny King, bantamweight champion of Great Britain, was outpointed by John Cusick of Manchester in a featherweight contest over ten rounds. King had Cusick down in the third, and the latter just beat the count. He boxed cleverly for the rest of the contest to win on points.

The ever successful Kid Tanner of British Guiana won his twentieth victory since coming to Great Britain when he stopped Harry Edwards of Birmingham in the third, after toying with the Brum for two rounds. Jackie Brown of Manchester gained a meritorious points win over Pierce Ellis of Manchester in another ten-round contest.

Mog Gwilliam of Pencoed defeated Dan Donoghue of Sheffield in the seventh at George Phelan's show at Birmingham, when the latter retired after putting up a very gallant show.

Eddie McGuire of South Africa and Elfryn Morris of Wales fought a slashing ten-rounder to a draw at Herne Bay.

Phil Milligan of Oldham showed some of his old form when he defeated Joe Collins of Sunderland in four rounds of a scheduled ten-round contest at Newcastle.

Ronnie James of Swansea boxed cleverly to outpoint the hard-hitting Greek lightweight, Mitso Grispos, over twelve rounds at Swansea.

Jack Robinson of Nottingham scored a fine win over Cal Rooney of Canada when he forced the referee to stop the contest in the third round in his favor at Gt. Yarmouth.

Billy Murdoch of Whitehaven outpointed Mick Carney of Newcastle in a ten-rounder at Paddington Baths, London. Ginger Roberts of Whitley Bay beat Glan Evans of Wales in the seventh round when the latter received a badly cut eye.

An unfortunate ending marred the contest between Norman Snow, Southern Area welterweight champion, and George Odwell of Camden Town, when they met at the Ring, London, over a scheduled ten-round course. In the fifth session, Odwell threw a left swing to Snow's body that went low and he was immediately disqualified.

A worthy deputy was found for the popular Danish boxer, Hirsch Demsitz, who failed to appear against Billy Walker of Stratford in a ten-round contest at the Devonshire Club, Hackney. Leo Lee of Canning Town came in at the last minute and caused a surprise by outpointing Walker after a good contest. Joe Thompson of Newcastle defeated Jack Gubbins of Stratford on a foul in the third for hitting low.

A newcomer was seen in Bobby Nicolle of Guernsey, who showed fine qualities as a featherweight prospect. The punches he let Jack Crowley of St. George's have in the one and a half rounds were straight out of the book. A left hook to the jaw in the second spelled finis to Crowley's activities. Watch Bobby Nicolle of the Channel Islands.

Dave Crowley, British lightweight champion, received a setback when he met Johnny McGrory, ex-featherweight champion of Great Britain, over ten rounds at Earls Court, N.S.C. show. George Davis of Notting Hill defeated Johnny Clements of Glasgow over eight rounds in a punishing bout.

Wally Pack, former amateur middleweight champion, stopped Johnny Blake of Chelsea in the sixth when the referee intervened because of a cut eye. Little "Redhead" Hughie Cameron of Glasgow, a flyweight, who acts as page boy at the N.S.C., showed good form and has the makings of a good fighter, in the manner he outclassed George Lowe of East Ham. A right to the jaw put Lowe on the canvas for the third time, when the referee intervened and declared Cameron the winner. A useful lightweight was seen in Bob Ramsey of Stepney, who knocked out Frank Phayer of Woolwich in the second round.

Johnny Rice of Hounslow defeated Harry Lister of Newcastle in the seventh round at Bristol, when the latter retired after taking a long count and suffering from a cut eye.

Frank Parkes of Nottingham outpointed Tom Thomas of Wales in a sparkling ten-rounder at High Wycombe.

Reggie Meen, former British heavyweight champion, tried to make a comeback at Bedford when he met Tony Arpino in a scheduled ten-rounder, but did not show very well and retired in the fifth, leaving Arpino the winner.

Andy Robinson of Croydon stopped Jim Hales of Stepney in the ninth of a twelve-round contest at Plumstead Baths. Bobby Nicolle of Guernsey is a fast improving lad and will be heard from in the near future. His K.O. win over Evan Wiltshire of Wales in the fourth round was worthy of a champion.

Eric Dolby of Derby and Les McCarthy of Manchester drew over ten rounds at Kent Street Baths, Birmingham, after a thrilling bout.

Jack Kiley of Swansea won the Welsh flyweight title when he forced the seconds of Rufus Enoch of Tonyrefail to throw in the towel in the seventh of a fifteen-rounder at Swansea. Len Beynon of Swansea and Fred Morris of Stepney fought a slashing twelve-rounder, with Beynon proving a worthy winner on points.

Ronnie Bishop of Markham, maintaining a two-handed attack for ten rounds against Cliff Saunders of Pontypool, earned the decision at the Viaduct Stadium, Crumlin, S. Wales.

In a fast and clever contest of ten rounds at Abertillery, George Francombe of Abertillery outpointed Billy Jones of Cymparc.

Tommy Windsor, Peterborough, gained a twelve-round points win over Jack Roberts of Northfleet in a capital contest at Deptford.

"Ritchie" Kid Tanner, the ebony-hued flyweight, bantam and featherweight champion of British Guiana, has taken Great Britain by storm by his amazing victories over featherweights. At the opening of Johnny Best's promotion at the Granby Halls, Leicester, Tanner met Gustav Ansini of Italy over twelve rounds, and at the end Tanner was a good winner on points.

Al Lyttle, Irish lightweight champion, received a narrow points decision over Len Wickwar of Leicester at the end of ten rounds.

George Pull of Lowestoft gained a points win over Freddie Tennant of Dundee after a good contest over twelve rounds at Lowestoft.

Jim Brady, Southern Area bantamweight champion, knocked out Johnny Griffiths of Wales in the sixth of a twelve-round contest at Aberdeen.

Tim McGrory of Glasgow, brother of Johnny McGrory, outpointed Dick Richardson of Dunfermline in a lightweight contest of ten rounds at Alloa, Scotland.

Bobby Magee, the clever North Shields featherweight, reversed a points decision with Bob Bates of Coxhoe after twelve rounds at North Shields.

A surprise K.O. was scored by Jim Teesdale of Middlesborough over Chris Benson of Liverpool in the fourth of a ten-round contest at Leeds. Paddy Reilly of Manchester, a young flyweight with a future, scored a clever points win over Joe Bowker of Middlesborough after eight rounds.

Lionel Gibbs, welterweight and middleweight champion of British Guiana, made his English debut at Liverpool Stadium against Ercole Buratti of Italy in ten rounds. Gibbs won the decision.

Jackie Saunders of Dublin, ex-amateur champion, won on points in ten rounds over Tommy Burns of Stockton at Liverpool.

Jock McAvoy, middleweight champion of Great Britain, had his first contest since he recovered from a broken leg that put him on the shelf for quite a time, when he met Jack Strongbow of Leicester at Birmingham in a scheduled ten-round contest. Five rounds were sufficient for Strongbow, who took McAvoy's right-hand punches for a few rounds, but succumbed to a body punch and Referee Jack Curpney stopped the one-sided bout.

Martin Miller of Widnes scored a good victory when he knocked out Tommy Henderson, cruiserweight champion of Scotland, in the fifth of a ten-round contest at Morecambe.

Billy Tansey of Manchester was unlucky to only receive a draw in his contest with Billy Nash of Clerkenwell when they met over ten rounds at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Charlie Brown, Belfast's clever bantamweight, gained a hard-earned victory on points at the end of ten rounds when he met Bobby Wade of Glasgow at Belfast.

Frank Hough of Battersea and Jack Robinson of Nottingham furnished a sterling contest with plenty of hard hitting in ten rounds at the Stadium Club of London. In the first two rounds, Robinson took three counts from left hooks to the chin, and in the fifth a turn in events saw Hough on the canvas, but at the end Hough was a worthy winner.

Johnny Softley of Poplar gained a decision in ten rounds over Mitso Grispos of Greece. Tommy Hyams of King's Cross was ruled out in the fourth round against Dave Finn of Stepney for an alleged low blow. Moe Moss of Mile End stopped Tommy Ireland of Bethnal Green in the eighth when the latter received a very badly cut eye, and the referee intervened.

"Uncle" John Mortimer continues to stage successful tournaments at the Connaught Drill Hall, Portsmouth. His chief contest between Butcher Gasgoigne of Sheffield and Tom Bodell of Swadlincote ended in a win for the Sheffield lad in ten rounds.

Herbert Booth of Sheffield gained a points win over the local Len Lemaux at the end of ten interesting rounds.

Many of the older fight fans of London town will regret the passing of Henry Morris, the well-known sportsman and boxing promoter of the last decade. Henry Morris was the manager of Jewy Smith, Bandsman Dick Rice, Syd Burns, Ted "Kid" Lewis, and other well-known boxers.

"May His Dear Soul Rest in Peace."

Vic Morris of Wales and Croydon fought a good draw with Phil Bevan of Poplar over ten rounds at East Ham Palais. Jimmy Lester of Dagenham and Leo Lee of Poplar had a hard contest over ten rounds before the latter was named the winner.

Bill Curran of Walton-on-Thames defeated Curly Merritt of Silvertown on a disqualification when the latter was ruled out in the fifth of a ten-round contest for an alleged low blow at the Devonshire Club, Hackney.

Nat Franks of Stoke Newington boxed and punched well in his contest with Bert Bevan of Paddington in the chief contest at the Devonshire Club, London, and the latter proved extremely game, until the referee called a halt to the bout in the eighth round.

Joe Gollob, the Canadian welterweight, was extremely unlucky when the referee ruled that the left hook to Reg Whitney's (Wellinboro) body was low, and disqualified the Canadian, amid loud dissent from the large crowd.

Morry Joseph of Battersea defeated Billy Watson of Chesterfield over twelve rounds after a smashing contest. Little Joe Davis of Hoxton is an improving lad, and he set about Charlie Smith of Margate in no light-hearted manner that caused the referee to stop the contest in the fifth round to save a game boy unnecessary punishment.

Stafford "Buzz" Barton of Jamaica scored a perfect K.O. over Jim Lawlor, the Lowestoft southpaw, in the fourth with a straight right to the jaw, as Lawlor came off the ropes. Len Wickwar of Leicester defeated George Daly of Blackfriars in the fifth when the latter retired after receiving a badly cut eye.

Bob Scully of Scotland knocked out Jack Morgan of Chesterfield in the second of an eight-rounder. Johnny Rice of Hounslow knocked out Trevor Evans of Wales in the second round.

The N.S.C. show at Earls Court comprised five eight-round contests between some of the leading men in each division of Europe.

Aurel Toma, I.B.U. bantamweight champion of Europe, easily defeated Len Hampston of Hull, who is but a shadow of the lad who scored so many K.O's, and the latter retired at the end of the fifth round.

Jimmy Vaughan, Southern Area lightweight champion, and Jack Carrick, Northern Area lightweight champion, fought eight strenuous rounds, in which the Southern Area lad showed that orthodox boxing and punching can overcome the swinging type of fighter, and Vaughan, by these tactics, was ahead at the finish, but the referee, to the surprise of the big crowd, declared a draw, which was unfavorably received.

Jack Smith of Worcester was forced to retire at the end of the sixth round with James J. Britt of South Africa, when he sustained a badly cut eye.

Bert Chambers of Widnes boxed very well against Harry Craster of Middlesborough and appeared to be in front at the end of eight rounds, but the decision of a draw was well received.

Billy Charlton of Newcastle was too good for Jack Treadaway of Battersea, and the latter suffered his first defeat as a professional, when the referee stopped the bout after he had received a badly cut eye.

Superior ringcraft of Ginger Sadd of Norwich enable him to score a points win over Mahomed Fahmy of Egypt in a ten-round contest at Norwich.

Bill Wainright of Swadlincote gained a points win over Jack Strongbow of Leicester in a hard-hitting heavyweight contest at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Jackie Jurich of America and Paddy Ryan of Manchester battled twelve rounds at a fast pace to a draw at Manchester before a large crowd.

Sensations galore at the Liverpool Stadium when Tommy Burns of Stockton met the redoubtable Kid Tanner from British Guiana, who has scored twenty-one straight wins over class performers in the fly, bantam and featherweight divisions.

From first to last gong, Burns was cheered on by the crowd, and Tanner, who had coasted for a few rounds, owing to damaged hands, was headed when the last gong went, and Burns received a popular decision.

After the contest, it was ascertained that Tanner was suffering from a fractured right hand. He had to cancel three contests signed for the following month.

Wally Knightley of Sunderland made a successful comeback when he beat Jimmy Richardson of Wakefield in a hard-hitting bout over ten rounds at Wakefield.

Ernie Roderick, Liverpool's crack welterweight, was taken all the distance by Al Baker, the colored welterweight from Belgium, over ten hard-hitting rounds, with the Belgian on the receiving end, at the Liverpool Stadium.

Jock McAvoy, Britain's ace middleweight, won on points over the tough Joe Quigley of Ireland at the end of ten rounds at Derby after a good contest.

Ronnie James of Swansea had put the cat among the pigeons by upsetting the lightweight situation, when he scored a clean-cut K.O. win over Johnny McGrory of Glasgow, who three weeks previously, had defeated Dave Crowley, British lightweight champion. The bout took place at Swansea, and the crowd went wild when James was declared the winner after connecting with a vicious right to the Scot's jaw that put him down for a full count.

Arthur Danahar of Bethnal Green had to fight hard all the way to gain the referee's verdict at the end of eight rounds over Dave Finn of Stepney at the N.S.C. show at Earls Court.

Lefty Flynn of Jamaica knocked out Vizcaino Diego of Marseilles in the sixth of an eight-round bout, with a right to the body.

Eddie McGuire of South Africa and Paul Schaeffer of Canada battled over eight rounds at a fast pace, with McGuire a little in front at the end, and he received the decision.

Hughie Cameron of Glasgow fought a hard six-round contest on the same bill and outpointed Ron Kingston of Sittingbourne by a narrow margin.

Johnny King of Manchester knocked out the Cuban, Raphaelite Valdes, in the first minute of the first round at Gloucester.

The referee at Birmingham declared "No Contest" in the ninth of a ten-rounder when he declared that Tut Whalley of Hanley and Billy Nash of Clerkenwell were not trying, and after giving them two warnings, he acted as stated above.

"Spider" Kelly of Derry is the first Irishman to win a British and Empire title.

He was crowned the dual title-holder after fifteen rounds when Referee Jack Dare declared him the winner over Benny Caplan of St. George's, London, before a crowd of 14,000 fans at the King's Hall, Balmoral, in Belfast.

Freddie Mills of Bournemouth and Yorkie Bentley of Canada put up a smashing contest over what was scheduled for the twelve-round course at the Westover Ice Rink, Bournemouth, but a badly cut eye in the first received by the Canadian, handicapped him by blood flowing into his eye.

When the eye was further damaged, his second forced him to retire. Both contestants came in for a big hand and were rematched at a later date.

CONTINENTAL NEWS
By GEORGE FARMER

AT Rotterdam, Holland, Bep Van Klaveren, I.B.U. European middleweight champion, beat Harry Rothier of Belgium on points. With the added attraction of being the European title-holder, Klaveren is a great drawing card wherever he shows.

At Berlin, Germany, Adolph Witt, ex-holder of the 175-pound German crown, won on points over Aono Przybilski.

Pierre Louis, ex-flyweight champion of France, beat Karl Remchild of Germany on points.

Paris, France—Another sterling example of the crude manner in which some French referees operate came to light as the result of the French lightweight title bout featuring Pierre Momont, the holder, vs. Frank Harsen. The former badly cut Harsen's left eye in the fourth stanza, and Harsen immediately stopped scrapping and walked to his corner, where his seconds attended to the injured optic.

Why the referee did not throw Harsen out of the ring no one knows; that is the official's own little secret.

On resuming hostilities, Momont ran out a nice points winner, but the referee had to make a night of it and crowned Harsen "the winnah and new champ."

Cleto Locatelli, Italian welter and hero of plenty of fights in U. S. A., is back after taking two short counts from "Kid Flu" and "Battling Jaundice."

One of the likeliest looking heavies in Europe is Karel Sys, heavyweight champion of Belgium. Sys does not hit like Joe Louis, but he has all the grace and speed of a Tommy Loughran when in action.

At Paris, France, Valentin Angelmann of France, former I.B.U. world's flyweight king, won a points verdict against Joseph Decico in a ten-round setto. On the same card, El Houssine, a bantam from North Africa, beat Gaston van der Bos on points.

At Brussels, Belgium, Paddy Roche, Irish welter king, lost on points in a ten-round contest with Felix Woulters, I.B.U. European 145-pound champ.

Berlin, Germany—Walter Neusel won the German heavyweight championship by beating Arno Koblein on points. The former "blond tiger" was always in front against an opponent who was mainly forced to use defensive tactics.

On the same card, Ernst Weiss, bantamweight champion of Greater Germany, beat the former flyweight champ of the world, Young Perez, on points.

At Rotterdam, Holland, Bep Van Klaveren defended his I.B.U. middleweight title against Antoine Christoforidis, sensational Greek battler, and lost on points. The Greek gave a clever performance.

Paris, France—Fortunato Ortega of Spain fought a draw with Robert Bourdet, contender for the French bantamweight title, while on the same card Paul Rebel, one of the best French welters, stopped El Allaf of Algiers in the eighth round.

Paris, France—At the Salle Wagram, Marcel Cerdan, 145-pound kingpin of France, put the blast on Alfred Katter of Germany in the fifth stanza after draping the canvas with him twice. Cerdan has a nice healthy wallop, but sometimes is apt to be either lingering or wild when he has his opponent on the run.

AUSTRALIAN NOTES
By VINCE J. CARRICK

HERE in Australia they staged a "world featherweight championship" match a few weeks ago with Claude Varner of the U.S.A. and Mickey Miller, our bantam and featherweight king as the contestants and our champion lost. Miller was well ahead on points in the eighth round when he was twice put over the ropes. He got back the first time but failed to do so before ten was counted the second time, and he lost a fight he should have won with ease.

Miller had outboxed Varner, a veteran of many campaigns. The end came with dramatic suddenness. A left to the body and a right to the jaw started Miller on his way to defeat. The blows put Miller between the ropes where he was suspended in a sitting position. Varner hit him again, Miller crashed outside but got back. A heavy body blow followed by a right to the jaw again put Miller out of the ring and the bout was over.

Australian papers are condemning the attitude of the New York Boxing Commission in the making of champions haphazardly. They are now asking here why Australia can't make its world champions the same as New York. Harry Marshall in his sports column quoted Nat Fleischer of THE RING extensively in Nat's editorial on the New York commission, and others have taken up the same cry against the so-called world jurisdiction that New York seems to have assumed.

Harry Cohen, ex-N.S.W. amateur bantamweight champion, won his most important professional contest to date when he narrowly outpointed the Filipino fighter, Star Frisco, over 12 rounds at Newcastle Stadium.

Cohen scored well at long range with straight lefts and left hooks, and always endeavored to pull himself free when the visitor attempted to clinch.

Frisco, however, garnered points with a right counter to the head, to which Cohen left himself open. But for Frisco's inability at in-fighting he would almost certainly have split Wallis' decision.

Hughie Dwyer, the successful Newcastle promoter, has signed up Joey Rosenberg, U. S. A. featherweight, for a series of contests at Newcastle. At present Dwyer has the Filipinos, Star Frisco and Joe Velasco, under contract. Rosenberg is stated to be a strong, two-handed fighter. Dwyer must be complimented upon his astute selection. His importations to date have turned out great crowd pleasers.

Ron Richards, holder of the middle and cruiserweight titles of Australia, has stated that he is agreeable to fight his No. 1 middleweight challenger, Fred Henneberry, on any date after December 12. Richards has a number of engagements on hand to keep him busy till December.

The pair have not met since the night Henneberry so dramatically collapsed in the ring when well ahead of Richards on points. Henneberry immediately retired from boxing, but since his comeback has shown a return to his best form and has repeatedly challenged Richards, who was unwilling to name a date for the return contest. So, after December 12, the pair will be at it for all their worth.

The fans here are still talking about Richards' great win over Gus Lesnevich of the U. S. A. They are also still praising Gus' great stand against Ron. The fight was one of the best seen in Australia in many moons.

Sportsmen throughout Australia, particularly fight fans, were shocked to hear of the untimely death of Merv "Darkie" Blandon, Australia's bantam champion of a few years back. Blandon, who retired from active ring warfare in his early twenties in 1936, had been in St. Vincent's Hospital (Sydney), for about seven months. A tumor on the brain, which caused great pain in his lingering hours, was given as the cause of his death.

He intended to stage a comeback when he left the hospital. But he fought his last fight on the way to the operating theater a few days ago. At the height of his career, Blandon was a magnificent little fighting machine, and his contests with "Speedy" Dado, Mickey Miller, Star Frisco and Claude Varner will linger in the memories of those who witnessed them.

Ossie Stewart, sensational colored American middleweight, has arrived in Australia, accompanied by his manager, Eugene Adams, one of the few colored managers in the fight game today. He is under a huge guarantee to Stadiums, Ltd. Walter Woods is now here also. He is one of the best U. S. A. middleweights, a contender for the world title.

Joe Velasco, the whirlwind featherweight from the Philippine Islands, continued his fine run of victories when he technically knocked out Harry Summers, Victorian 126-pounder, in the eighth of a 12-round contest at Newcastle Stadium. Summers was outclassed.

The Victorian's left hand was his best attacking weapon, and he held his own with the visitor for six sessions. In fact, in the sixth he dazed Velasco with left hooks and jolts, but the aggressive, two-handed fighting by the man from Manila quickly turned the tide in his favor.

In the seventh round Summers was on the floor three times from hooks and swings to the head and when he went down again in the eighth it was apparent that only a miracle could save him from a knockout, whereupon the referee, Joe Wallis, stopped the bout and awarded it to Velasco on a T.K.O.

Important Notice....

Owing to the large amount of space used for the Annual Rating of Boxers, news from several sections of the world has been cut down considerably to meet the space requirements. In addition, several features that have been carried regularly have been crowded out of this number, but will be resumed in the next issue.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

THE RING'S OBSERVER

RARELY has that section of Forty-Ninth Street in New York called "Jacobs' Beach" known as much excitement as that which preceded the recent election of officers of the National Sports Alliance—an organization made up of fight managers, promoters, matchmakers, seconds, trainers, etc.

Most of the excitement centered about the office of president, with Charley Cook, the incumbent, opposed by James J. Johnston, former boxing promoter at Madison Square Garden and manager of note. The campaign saw all the maneuvering of a political convention.

Cook preferred to stand on his record. During his reign of office the National Sports Alliance functioned as a semi-social organization, seldom concerning itself with deep issues and never adopting a militant attitude on any issue. Cook felt that the life of the N.S.A. depended on maintaining a friendly spirit with all boxing groups.

Johnston's platform was based on aggressiveness. Strictly anti-Commission, Johnston argued that the N.S.A. needed a spokesman at the helm who could battle the Commission on every front, could, if necessary, exert influence in Albany to bring the Commission around to the N.S.A. way of looking at things.

The balloting was close at the start. Johnston and Cook ran neck and neck through the first fifty votes. But then Cook started drawing away and finally the full vote was recorded and announced, Cook triumphing by a margin of 124 to 85. Johnston was disappointed but lost no time in congratulating the winner.

Most of the Cook men were carried into office with him. Sammy Golden received 102 votes to retain his office of first vice-president, defeating Henry Andrews, who received 61 votes, and Tony Martello, who obtained 45.

In the balloting for second vice-president, Lou Brown came through with 112 votes to 95 for Hymie Caplin. Phil Rosen retained his position as treasurer, defeating Chris Dundee, 137 to 72; Nat Rogers, with no opposition, became financial secretary, and Frank Tabor nosed out Meyer Ackerman, 106 to 98, for recording secretary. Billy Brown was named sergeant-at-arms by one vote over Mike Burke.

GOTHAM GLEANINGS — When Chuck Crowell arrived in New York on the tail end of a blizzard, he looked like a cowboy left over from the recent rodeo at the Garden . . . . Crowell wore a flaming red sweater, a checkered scarf, a solid blue shirt and no tie, checkered trousers and a ten-gallon hat . . . . He had no overcoat but bought one within an hour after his arrival . . . . Baron Henry Stumme, Crowell's manager, was East six years ago with another heavyweight, Jack Van Noy . . . . George Parnassus, manager of Ceferino Garcia, and Johnny Villaflore, the Filipino's trainer, left for Los Angeles by auto a few days after Garcia's losing effort against Henry Armstrong . . . . Garcia remained in N. Y. to have his injured hands treated.

A last-minute companion for Parnassus was Jackie (Kid) Berg, who suddenly decided he would like to make a trip to the Coast . . . . Indications are that George Crouch, classy California lightweight, will soon make a trip East . . . . The various institutions of higher learning are showing a keen interest in boxing affairs for both the Yale *Daily Review* and the Daily *Princetonian* sent reporters to New York to interview Armstrong following his successful welter title defense . . . . Mushky Jackson and Fatzo Zuckerman represented the boxing fraternity at the First Annual Convention of the American Screwballs, held in the Thirty-Fourth Street Station of the new Sixth Avenue subway.

Baby Yack, Toronto bantamweight, made his first visit to New York and worked out at Stillman's gym . . . . After having done most of his campaigning in Eastern rings the past few years, Bobby Pacho recently returned to California . . . . Jack Miley, former sports columnist for the *Daily News*, now has his daily column in the New York *Post* . . . . Hugh Bradley has been succeeded by Pat Rosa as sports editor of the *Post* . . . . Pete DeGrasse, veteran featherweight who has been competing on the Coast the past four years, is now back in New York . . . . Small Montana's defeat by Little Dado in Oakland was interesting to New Yorkers because these were the two principals named by the State Athletic Commission to fight for the flyweight title . . . . But the New York solons don't recognize ten-round title matches, which is what the Oakland fight was.

Two stabbing accidents marred the boxing scene in New York the past month . . . . On election night, Salvy Saban, rugged Greenwich Village welterweight, suffered severe knife wounds in a street brawl and in order to avoid the spread of infection had to have a leg amputated, thus ending his ring career . . . . Tiger Jack Fox, outstanding contender for light-heavyweight honors and recent winner over Al Gainer, also suffered severe wounds and wound up in the hospital . . . . Ben Valentine, Fiji Island middleweight, who was brought to New York by Joe Gould at the suggestion of Tommy Farr, has returned to London . . . . Billy Brown, New York promoter, has enjoyed marked success since he reopened the New Haven Arena . . . . His first show, which saw Nathan Mann the winner on a knockout over George Fitch, attracted a near sellout crowd . . . . Paul Damski, manager of Gunnar Barlund and Eric Seelig, is planning a trip to England in the near future to sign up a few new fighters to bring back to the States . . . . Antoine Christoforidis, Greek middleweight, may be brought to these shores by Lew Burston shortly after the New Year.

Hymie Caplin's hopes of adding a light-heavyweight champion to his stable are centered in Herbie Katz, Brooklyn youngster. Katz, who started out as a bantamweight but has now grown all the way up to be a 175-pounder, scored a victory over Gene Stanley in a scheduled eight at Prospect Hall. Referee Gunboat Smith halted the contest in the third round after Stanley had suffered a deep cut over his left eye. Frank Terry won from Irish Mickey Donohue in the semi-final six. At Jamaica Arena, Patsy Perroni, who boasts being one of the few Joe Louis opponents to travel the full route against the Bomber, defeated Nick Rabin when Referee Pete Hartley stopped the contest in the sixth heat of an eight-rounder. Continuing his successful campaign following a setback at the hands of Chalky Wright, Al Reid outpointed Jimmy Lancaster in the eight-round feature at Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-final, Pete Scalzo knocked out Johnny Compo in five rounds. A crowd of 4,500 saw the show.

In a bloody encounter at the St. Nicholas Palace, Billy Beauhuld came on with a late rally to gain the measure over Charley Gomer in eight rounds. Beauhuld took everything Gomer had for the first half of the contest, then proceeded to pound out his victory. Both men suffered cuts over their eyes in the early rounds. Primo Flores floored Charlie Burns seven times before stopping him in the third round of the semi-final. Returning to the ring after an absence of several months, Allie Stolz, another member of the Hymie Caplin stable, trounced Willie Skidmore in an eight-rounder at Newark. Skidmore had previously held Stolz to a draw. Harry Ovis knocked out Frankie Salvatore in the second round of the semi-final, which had been scheduled for six.

Joey Fontana's aggressiveness and harder punching enabled him to gain the verdict over Vince Del Orto in an eight at the Broadway Arena. Young Chappie was outpointed by Victor Corchado in the six-round semi-windup. A crowd of more than 6,000 saw Fritzie Zivic add Frankie Blair to his list of victims in an eight-round go at the New York Coliseum. Tony Dupre, crack featherweight, defeated Jimmy Urso in the semi-final. Scoring his nineteenth win in a row, Lee Harper, Long Island featherweight, bested Joey Gatto in six rounds at the Jamaica Arena. Lou Salica, former bantamweight champion, looked good in defeating Katsumi Morioka in ten rounds at Prospect Hall.

A near-capacity crowd at Ridgewood Grove saw Irish Eddie Brink pound his way to a victory over Maurice Arnault, claimant of the French lightweight championship, in eight rounds. Arnault made it close for two rounds but Brink took every heat after that. Larry Anzalone and Dennis Deegan drew in the eight-round semi-final. Mickey Farber triumphed in decisive fashion over Johnny Bonito in eight rounds at the St. Nick. Farber gave Bonito a boxing lesson in taking every round but the fifth, which went to Bonito on a low blow. Tommy Tucker bested Mike Alfano in the semi-final, also of eight rounds. At the Westchester County Center, Johnny Rohrig registered over Johnny Fernand in eight stanzas. A few days later Rohrig moved over to Jersey City where he won handily in eight rounds from Frankie Reese at the Braddock Arena. Larry Kellum gained the verdict over Eddie Guerra in the semi-final, also of eight rounds.

A crowd of close to 12,000 packed the New York Coliseum to see Tony Canzoneri in his first New York start of his comeback campaign. Tony had Howard Scott as his opposition in an eight-round encounter and took the decision in a close fight, even though the former champion had Scott on the floor three times. Both fighters suffered cuts about the eyes.

After their first match had ended in a near riot, Enrico Venturi and Lew Feldman clashed again at the Ridgewood Grove in an eight. This time Venturi left no doubt as to his superiority, repeating his previous triumph over Feldman but by a much more decisive margin. Venturi staggered Feldman with a left in the fifth. Young Chappie won from Victor Troisi in the semi-final.

In a slashing eight-rounder at the St. Nick, Maxie Berger came through with a last half rally to outpoint Eddie Brink. The victory marked Berger's fourteenth fight without a setback. It was also his third win in four bouts with Brink, one having been called a draw. Two German-Jewish refugees, Sigi Lander and Yohudi Reif, gained triumphs in preliminary bouts. Lander bested Mickey Salem in a six, and Reif halted Mickey Polo in one heat.

A strong finish earned Al Reid the decision over Joey Fontana in their eight-round go at the Broadway Arena. The bout was fought on even terms during the first six heats but then Reid started moving in front. In the semi-final of six rounds, Tommy Spiegal, Pittsburgh lightweight, made his local debut, outpointing Jose Hernandez.

One of the biggest crowds in the recent history of the New York Coliseum turned out for the fifteen-round meeting between Tiger Jack Fox and Al Gainer, two of the three men named by the New York State Athletic Commission to fight it out for the light-heavyweight crown—which John Henry Lewis still hasn't relinquished. The paid attendance was 9,834 and the receipts $6,386. The contest itself was far from exciting but at its conclusion Fox was declared winner, thereby reversing a victory scored over him by Gainer in a previous clash.

In the Fox-Gainer preliminaries, Ernie Vigh halted Frank Moran in one round, Eddie Steele hammered his way to a triumph over Billy Lancaster, Matt Perfetti gained the decision over Frankie *(Continued on page 58)*

AT the annual meeting of the New York Boxing Writers' Association, the Ed Neil Memorial Medal, which will be awarded annually to the person identified with boxing in any capacity who, in the opinion of the organization, has done most in the interests of the sport, was given to Jack Dempsey. The members decided that through his personal appearances throughout the country, the Manassa Mauler aided boxing more so than did either Henry Armstrong, who was second choice, or Joe Louis, who was third in line.

Hype Igoe, who had served as president for two years, refused a renomination and James Dawson of the *Times* was chosen his successor. Murray Lewin of the *Mirror* was named vice-president; Nat Fleischer of THE RING was again chosen secretary-treasurer, and Sam Taub, recording secretary.

IN MINNEAPOLIS RINGS
By DARWIN JONES

MIKE GIBBONS has a fine position with the Schmidt Brewing Company in St. Paul as contact man, and he is doing a good job, too. Mike's brother, Tom, is candidate for sheriff re-election in St. Paul's Ramsey County.

Johnny Erjavec, Duluth heavyweight, will sail for Australia shortly, where he will engage in a series of matches, after which he intends to visit the countries of South America and Africa.

Whatever happened to Gene Weis, the Lake of the Woods lumberjack, who weighed a mere 332 pounds? He beat Cliff Van of Minneapolis in a four-rounder, and since then has not been heard of.

Mike Collins, former Minneapolis promoter, has been appointed matchmaker for the newly formed Palace Theater.

In a scheduled 30-round boxing card, St. Paul, Billy Gillespie, 189, Hayward, Wis., TKO'd Jack Jersey, 216, St. Paul, in six. Gillespie, a reputed hard puncher, had scored twenty kayoes in twenty-six starts. He hit Jersey with left hooks and right smashes, but could not dent Jersey's chin. In the six-round semi-windup, Billy Gardner, 144, Hutchinson, Kan., knocked out Pug Barron, 141, St. Paul, in three. In another sixer, Don Swenson, 141, St. Paul, kayoed Curly Martin, 139, Kansas City, in the third round. In four-rounders, Elmer Wikan, 189, Eau Claire, knocked out Alfred Kohl, 187, St. Paul, in round one. In the opener, Carl Ford, 136, Minneapolis, outpointed Larry Mark, 136, Eau Claire, in four.

Rather confusing to fight followers is the fact we have three "Kid" Millers. One, Andy (Kid) Miller of Sioux City, another Charley (Kid) Miller of Tappan, N. D., and an Andy (Kid) Miller of St. Cloud. All of these boys have shown in local circles, but when following out-of-town results it makes it rather difficult, since all weigh approximately the same. The Sioux City Miller is by far the better of the other two, however.

At Philadelphia, Minnesota's trial horse, Harry (Casey Jones) Thomas of Eagle Bend, was stopped via TKO in three frames by Two Ton Tony Galento, Orange, N. J., heavyweight contender.

Billy Whelan, ex-battler from St. Paul, has sent his protege, Jimmy Collins, to Chicago, to be handled by Society Kid Hogan and Johnny Glavin.

At Minot, N. D., Dick Demarey, 145, Bismarck, and Henry Schaft, 150, St. Paul, drew in a 10-round main event.

Jack Frydenlund is trying to organize a boxing club among some of the boys in Faribault, Minn.

Angelo Puglisi, Duluth middleweight, is being managed by Chris Dundee of New York.

At Chicago, George Zengaras, 132-pound New York Greek, outpointed St. Paul's clever Harvey Woods, 133, in 10 rounds.

Murray McLean has taken over the management of Emmett Weller. The former Golden Glover was a pleasing boy as an amateur, and may develop into a local attraction as a pro.

There's a new fighter training at Pott's Gym. He is Jack Delich, a former Minneapolis boy who has been on the Coast for several years. He is 20 years old, tips the scales at 180, and is 6 feet, 2 inches tall. Delich has had twenty fights and has lost but one, that to Lorenzo Pedro on the Coast.

Des Moines, Iowa's, sensational heavyweight, Johnny Paychek, 188, chilled Minneapolis' trial horse, Russ Wasser, 192, in five heats at Des Moines.

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Would appreciate if Minnesota managers would send in their boxers' complete records. Address Darwin Gomer, 252 Thomas St., St. Paul.

Before a capacity crowd of around 2200 at the Palace Boxing Club, Minneapolis. Jimmy Collins, St. Paul, 152, outpointed Matt Cameric, 158, Eau Claire, Wis., in six. In the other half of the windup, Billy Miske, Jr., 179, St. Paul, showed great improvement by flattening Joe Fitz, 178, of Richmond, Ind., in four cantos. In the semi-windup, Don Espenson, 151, Minneapolis, TKO'd Billy Gardner, 147, Hutchinson, Kan., in two heats. Previous to this, both boys had engaged in a close eight-rounder, in which Espenson just shaded Gardner.

Tony Yates, 146, Mill City battler and last year's Golden Glove champ, was unsuccessful in his four-round pro debut when Curley Martin, 144, Topeka, Kan., trounced him. Sherwin Bogie, 188, Excelsior, Minn., knocked out Jack Delich, 179, Sacramento, Cal., in two. In a four-rounder, Jorey Wampler, 161, St. Croix Falls, Wis., stopped Coons Peterson, 155, Eau Claire, in one. In the four-round opener, Carl Ford, 136, Minneapolis, and Louis Bell, 133, colored St. Paulite, fought to a fast draw.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

GEORGE PACE, the Cleveland bantamweight, continues on his merry way toward the world title. Not since the halycon days of Carl Tremaine has any fighter attracted as much attention in that class as the little Clevelander. Georgie took Jackie Landers of Baltimore into camp at Lorain, O., winning by a knockout in two rounds. In the semi-windup, Hank Pershing stopped Gus Smallwood in six heats.

At this writing Pace leads the Ohio bantam pack and Patsy Patterson is the tops in the Buckeye featherweight division.

King Wyatt, "Buck" Mathias' flashy welterweight, won a hard fought 10-round verdict over Tiger Carsonia of Portland, Ind., at Kokomo, Ind.

Judging from past performances of Pennah Randozellah, sky-bright Mexican middleweight, fighting out of Les Huffman's Columbus, O., office, the Mex will be wrangling for one of Eddie Borden's big ten in the 160-pound division ere long. Randozellah stopped Harry Holmes of Chicago in one round at Springfield, O., and then followed up with another technical kayo over the veteran Lee Cox at Dayton.

Bill Boyd, the big heavyweight Jack Dempsey is sponsoring, won a four-round technical knockout over Mickey Benson of Brooklyn at Youngstown.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Some of the heavyweights who will be invited to enter the Kentucky-Ohio-Indiana heavyweight championship tourney for THE RING Belt to be staged by the Zubelda A. C. will be Buddy Knox, Clarence Batsell, Jack Trammell, Young Harry Wills, Don Koons and several others . . . . Karl Ogren, the popular Stone Lake, Wis., manager and trainer, has an excellent camp up his way for training purposes and other arrangements . . . . Ogren is tipping off on Bill Gillespie, a cute heavyweight trick, who has both punch, ability and plenty of color . . . . Russ Antrim's matchmaking at the Dayton, O., Eagles club is the sky . . . . They are all yelling for a match with Patsy Patterson, the newly recognized Ohio featherweight champion, yet when offered the match with the "icer," Billy Meyer's champ is given the "not wanted" sign . . . . Frankie Jarr whipped Joe Marinelli over in Fort Wayne and in a scheduled return match at Dayton, Jarr failed to show up, with the result he was suspended by the Montgomery County commission . . . . Fighters of all weights without any strings attached who desire work in this territory should write to either this writer, Jimmy Amann at 515 York St., Cincinnati, O., or to Billy Meyer, manager, 1538 Baymiller St., Cincinnati, O. . . . . Enclose records of the past one or two years for complete consideration . . . . The new and improved 1939 Boxing Promoters and Managers Guide in which are listed 650 boxing promoters and managers all around the country will be ready for distribution on January 2, 1939 . . . . Send along for your copy now . . . . Enclose 50 cents in cash or money order for this pocket size handy little book to Jimmie Amann, 515 York St., Cincinnati, O.

George Pace, Ohio's great bantamweight, shoved Henry Hook out of top competition in Toronto, Ontario, winning a 10-round decision.

At Columbus, Ohio, on November 21st, Fritz Zivic of Pittsburgh knocked out Al Hamilton of Cincinnati in the fifth.

Information in this section can be had by enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope when writing Jimmy Amann, 515 York St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH NEWS
By RAY M. TODD

CHARLEY BURLEY, who has cleaned up everyone the promoters could dig up for him in the welterweight class, including Fritzie Zivic, is starting to work on the middleweights. He made his debut by easily outpointing Billy Soose at Motor Square Garden. Burley came in at 152 pounds and was outweighed by six pounds. The semi-final saw Emil Josephs, local lightweight, win over Pedro Lorenzo of Philadelphia. Ralph Gizzy, Donora windmill, was given a bad beating in a six-rounder by Tommy Daniels. Gizzy was on the canvas on three occasions. By the way, it was his first fight in the 147-pound class, and maybe that had something to do with it.

Our former middleweight champion, Teddy Yarosz, was on the floor twice in the first round of his bout with Ralph DeJohn at Rochester, N. Y., but came back to give DeJohn a sound beating, only to lose the decision to the home town boy. The judges disagreed on the winner, and the third man cast his ballot in favor of DeJohn. Billy Nitchey defeated Eddie Saxton in the semi-final, a very good fight.

Al Ettore, rugged Philadelphia heavyweight, stopped Joe Soffi of New York in the second round at Clarksburgh, W. Va. The other half of the double wind-up saw Jackie Wilson, local lightweight, stop Jiggs McKnight of Cumberland, Md., in the eighth session.

Fritzie Zivic added another victim to his kayo list, this time at Columbus, Ohio, over Al Hamilton of Louisville, Ky., in the fifth round.

Charley Burns repeated his victory over Joe Hornick of Morgantown, W. Va., at Charley's home town, Johnstown. His kid brother, Jimmy, won by T.K.O. in the fourth over Jimmy Jones of the Smokey City.

Tommy Speigel won by a kayo in the second round of his ten-rounder with Lefty Young of Akron, O., at Fairmont, W. Va.

Billy Nitchey had too many guns for Jack O'Sullivan of Niagara Falls at Buffalo, and easily won the nod of the officials.

Primo Flores, an importation from Puerto Rico, knocked out Charley Burns in the second round at St. Nicholas Palace in New York. Burns was on the floor three times in the first round.

Charley Burley, coffee colored hook artist, put the sleeper on Werther Arcelli of Boston, Mass., after only one minute and thirteen seconds of the first round. The other half of the dual wind-up was terrible. Eddie Blunt, New York heavyweight, won the ten-round hugging decision over Eddie Simms of Cleveland, Ohio. Blunt, at 219, had a 22-pound weight advantage over Simms. The best fight on the card saw Buddy Holzhauer win a split decision over Ira Hughes. This really saved the show. Rich Gregory won as he pleased from Pete Leone of Akron, Ohio.

Billy Conn, East Liberty middleweight, won a twelve-round decision over the present middleweight champion, Solly Krieger, at Duquesne Garden. Krieger received a $3,000 guarantee and Conn pulled out with a little less than $1,000 out of a gross of $5,393. In the eight-round semi-final, Freddie Lenn, the fighting Marine of the South Side, won the undisputed decision over Johnny Duca of Paulsboro, N. J. Duca is the boy who gave our Billy Soose a trouncing recently out at Lancaster. This Lenn is going places. Keep your eyes on him. He weighed 159 pounds. Carmen Notch won a close decision over Rich Gregory, and Mickey O'Brien was stopped by Zack Robinson in the sixth and final round.

If your smoke reaches me before the first of the month, it will be published in the following issue of this great monthly boxing magazine. Any information regarding the fight game around here may be obtained if a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed. My address is Ray M. Todd, 1005 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA
By GENE VINASSA

THE Pacific Coast sports writing fraternity lost its most youthful and most brilliant scribe last week when it was announced that Jack Singer, whose witty and bombastic articles have entertained readers of the Los Angeles *Times*, had been signed by the New York *Journal-American*.

Singer rejected a half dozen more lucrative offers to remain in Hollywood and pen dialogue and scenarios for motion picture studios for the New York position. The young man, whose writing has been compared by Coast admirers to Ring Lardner, Bugs Baer and Dan Parker, is a hard-hitting writer who calls the play as he sees it.

His satirical stories of the rassling burlesque in Los Angeles gained him a wider and more appreciative following than any non-columnist on the Coast.

Singer's coverage on boxing has been equally as noteworthy. He protects no one and his boxing is written with a scope of the dramatic as his rassling is facetious.

SHORT STUFF—Patsy Perroni, classy Ohio heavyweight, is being paged to return from the East to box Bob Nestell and Jack Roper . . . . Jimmy Murray has the largest fight stable on the Coast . . . . His stars are Ritchie Fontaine, Pablo Dano, Al Romero, Baby Breese, Bernie Reyes, Bobby Pacho, Al Spina, Nash Garrison, Bobby Yannes and others . . . . Murray and Gus Wilson co-handle Breese and Yannes . . . . Bob Bonner of Cincinnati is making his headquarters in Los Angeles during the winter months . . . . Johnny (K.O.) Stevens, slugging lightweight, is the ace of Bonner's stable . . . . Bill Miller, the crack press agent, has Al George and Red Baxter in Los Angeles. Both are from Columbus, O. . . .

Donnie Maes, who came here from Denver two years ago, is making San Jose his headquarters. Joe Gurgioli is handling Maes . . . . Gene Mock and Eddie Marcus are the best lightweight "finds" of the year in L. A. . . . . Ralph Malone is handling Mock. Jackie Conway is his trainer . . . . Marcus is a protege of Art Martell, instructor at the Los Angeles Athletic Club . . . . The fans are still talking about the two great fights Jimmy Garrison and Georgie Crouch staged at Suey Welch's fistic palace . . . . Each won one . . . . Their third fight would draw $10,000 . . . .

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Frankie Gatto got a guarantee of $2,000 for the second fight for Garrison.

Ritchie Fontaine had little trouble beating Emilio Magana, young Mexican, at Hollywood. The rugged Montana Kid won nine out of ten rounds and had Magana in a bad way on several occasions.

Benny Goldberg, sensational Jewish bantamweight from Detroit, undefeated in California, has joined the fight stable of Jimmy Murray. Goldberg is in line to box little Dado, the Filipino typhoon, soon. The Motor City bantam showed rare form lacing Manuel Ortiz at the movie city arena.

Bob Nestell kayoed Sonny Boy Walker, Arizona heavyweight, in three rounds at Hollywood. Gus Wilson's slugger is again fighting in top form.

Babe Griffin, former welterweight scrapper, is the new matchmaker at San Jose, Calif. He plans to stage weekly shows at the Auditorium in the prune city.

Boxers, who are not under contract, can get plenty of action in California rings by writing Gene Vinassa, Barbara Hotel, Sixth and Westlake Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

IN AND AROUND SAN FRANCISCO
By SHERIDAN BROWN

LITTLE DADO, an animated stick of Philippine mahogany, won California recognition as champion of the flyweights when he shellacked Small Montana, a fellow Islander, in their 10-rounder at Oakland's Municipal Auditorium before 7,000 of the faithful. Dado's unquestionable superiority in the close quarters work gave him an edge in at least seven rounds and a clear right to the decision. Dado is a wicked puncher for his size, knows his way around any ring and is a legitimate flyweight. A Dado-Kane meeting would clear up the championship muddle very nicely.

The 10-round fight at Dreamland Auditorium involving Al Citrino and Joe Gavras, local lightweights, was without any semblance of national fistic significance, but the highly partisan crowd in attendance will go many a day before they see its equal for slambang action. The sawed-off Italian and the rangy Greek belabored each other with all their heavy artillery for thirty blistering minutes. Although it was officially ruled a draw, Citrino had a clear edge from our point of view. He scored a knockdown in the first frame and finished stronger.

Two supporting bouts on the Apostoli-Corbett card in New York City afforded Gothamites their first peek at a pair of youngsters who are on the threshold of being championship contenders; namely, Eddie Booker of San Jose, a welterweight, and Lloyd Marshall, a Cleveland-born middleweight who was developed in Sacramento rings and recently caught national attention by trouncing Ken Overlin, the high-ranking Virginian.

Both Booker and Marshall are colored. Both have a wealth of class and an abundance of the old moxie. In their big town debuts, Booker whipped Dem Wakerlis, Johnny Buckley's Greek, while Marshall overcame one Ben Valentine.

HERE 'N' THERE—Henry Woods, the shifty, sharp-hitting Yakima, Wash., colored boy, who could probably whip any of the Northern California lightweight brigade, dished out a terrific shellacking to Soldier Ed Stanley and was awarded a T.K.O. in five rounds of their National Hall engagement . . . . Pete Pedro, San Francisco's bruising Brazilian, whose talents went unappreciated locally, invaded the great Northwest and slapped out light-heavyweight sensation "Chuck" Nickason in eight rounds . . . . On the same card, another of those prophets without honor at home, bantamweight Danny LaVerne of this city boxed a 10-round draw with the highly thought of Billy Buxton . . . .

Bantamweight Tony Olivera, an alumnus of the local simon-pure rings, is still undefeated after twenty-six starts as a pro . . . . during the month past he T.K.O.'d Young Nationalista in the last round of a six-stanza top at Sacramento, was held to a 10-round draw by Young Joe Roche in a local ring and then crossed the bridge to belt out "Tuffy" Pierpont in four frames on the Dado-Montana supporting card at Oakland.

Manuel Figueira of Oakland and Al Avila, Stockton, former amateur welterweight aces, clashed in the semi-final to the Citrino-Gavras go and Figueira stopped his man in the fifth . . . . Kui Kong Young, the Chinese Chiller, who is a left-handed featherweight with the wallop of a healthy middleweight, turned in a brace of nice wins during the month . . . . he whipped Manuel Ortiz at Los Angeles and then etherized Canada Lee in seven stanzas at Stockton . . . .

"Little Tiger" Wade, undefeated colored welterweight, who is one of the most underrated boxfighters on the Coast, whipped Herman Graves in a six-round top-spot at San Jose . . . . Andre Shaeleff, a heavy-hitting Russian who claims the Oriental welterweight championship, acclimated himself locally and proceeded to knock out Al Evans in three rounds at National Hall and then take a technical knockout win over Johnny Fasano in six rounds at Dreamland when the North Beach veteran sustained a badly cut eye after holding his own with his hard-socking foe . . . .

Little Ray Lunny, who won a trunkful of medals as an amateur, is seemingly headed for the top in the professional world following five successive victories in Los Angeles and Hollywood rings . . . . His best effort to date is a victory over Louie Reed, who was something of a sensation in Southern California before going up against the Lunny glove wizardry . . . . And brother Jack, who is burning up the amateur world as a welterweight, is seemingly determined to keep the Lunny name before the San Francisco boxing public . . . .

Frankie Lembo, who formerly boxed under the surname Catalina, trimmed wild-swinging Eddie Halligan, Oakland Negro, in a feature event at National Hall . . . . Bill Radunich, elongated San Josean who rules the roost among the local amateur heavyweights, stopped tough John O'Taras in the fourth round of their bout which headlined a special card presented by the Olympic Club . . . . Jack Lunny, undefeated, untied and unscored upon in some 20 amateur starts, T.K.O.'d Vern Allen, Santa Rosa, in three rounds of the semi-windup.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By BILL HAWKINS

OMAHA, Nebr. — Carl Vinciquerra, 187, Omaha, Nebr., knocked out Virgil Clark, 200, of Chicago, after 1 minute and 17 seconds of the fourth round with a sizzling left hook. The Omaha lad broke his right thumb and lost two upper front teeth in the battle while the Chicago entry suffered a broken jaw. In the semi-windup, Paul Hartnek, 189, Omaha, won a six-round decision over Salvatore Ruggirello, 203. Calvin McGraw, Sioux City welter, decisioned Buddy McCrae of Omaha. Wilbur DeCora, Winnebago, Nebr., Indian middleweight, knocked out Sammy Smith of Hastings, Nebr., in three rounds.

Results of the Northwest Iowa sectional Golden Gloves tournaments were so many that owing to lack of space it would be impossible to carry every one and do justice to each. We will have the complete results of the Sioux City *Journal's* tournament winners next month.

Des Moines, Ia.—John J. Paychek of Des Moines won a T.K.O. over Russ Wasser of Minneapolis, Minn., when the referee stopped the fight after 2 minutes and 48 seconds of the fifth round. Paychek weighed 188 and Wasser 192. A crowd of 4500 fans witnessed the show. In the other bouts, Salvatore Ruggirello, 210, Italy, knocked out Robert E. Lee, 200, Price, Utah, third round; Frankie Edgren, 187, Denver, Colo., beat Red Bruce, 180, Pittsburgh, Pa., 10 rounds; Jackie Gans, 156, Des Moines, outpointed Johnny Eggenberger, 155, Des Moines, in four rounds.

Lake Park, Ia.—The Lake Park Commercial Club will sponsor semi-monthly boxing cards this winter. Fighters and managers are urged to get in touch with A. V. Hansen, Box 225, Lake Park.

Such men as C. B. Masker, Harold Tinkham, Richard Sherman, August Petrick, Will Hagan, Harry Baggs, Johnny Gregg, Carl Anderson and Russell Aiken are bringing out several good looking prospects in the amateur ranks at Yankton, South Dakota.

Worthington, Minn.—Roy W. Martin of the Worthington Sports Association has applied to the state boxing commission for a license for boxing cards. The Worthington A. C. has appointed a boxing committee to make plans for the season.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—Milt Aron, Dubuque, Ia., welterweight, won a clean cut decision over Vincent Pimpinella, at Chicago . . . . Amateur boxing is going good at Fort Dodge, Ia., with such men as Paul Hamilton, Don Mitchell and Robert Knudson at the head of the sport . . . . Al Manriquez, Sioux City featherweight, dropped an eight-round decision to Joey Raymond of Tampa, at Miami, Fla. . . . . Harvey Woods, St. Paul lightweight, is making Sioux City his headquarters at this writing . . . . Everette Rightmire, Sioux City featherweight ace, is also getting into condition . . . . Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha heavyweight, knocked out Johnny Nelson of Buffalo, N. Y., in 51 seconds of the first round at Chicago . . . . Miles Martinez of St. Paul, booking himself from Sioux City, dropped a four-rounder to Johnny Balmer, Peoria, Ill., lightweight on the same card . . . . Clyde Wells of Norfolk, Nebr., is chairman of the American Legion boxing committee there.

Another year has rolled around, and as usual about this time of season we wish to take time out to thank our many readers for their efforts and help in getting this column out . . . . At the same time we extend the seasons greetings . . . . Remember, our address is 2206 N. Lafayette Pl., Sioux City, Ia. . . . . See you next month.

SECTIONAL RATINGS

IN an effort to develop local interest in the boys who are fighting their way to national recognition, THE RING has had its correspondents list the boxers of their localities according to ability as exemplified in their 1938 contests. Here is THE RING's annual sectional ranking of boxers:

GREAT BRITAIN
By John S. Sharpe

Heavyweights—Tommy Farr, Len Harvey, Eddie Phillips, Larry Gains (E.T.), Jack London, George James, Jimmy Wilde, Jack Doyle, George Markwick, Jack Smith.

Cruiserweight—Len Harvey (champ), Jock McAvoy, Tommy Martin (E.T.), Tom Reddington, Jack Hyams, Bill Hardy, Bob Firmin, Eddie Pierce, Frank Hough, Darkie Ellis (E.T.).

Middleweights—Jock McAvoy (champ), Ginger Sadd, George Davis, Bert Gilroy, Stafford Barton (E.T.), Dave McCleave, Dai Jones, Nat Franks, Eddie McGuire, Tommy Smith (Scotland).

Welterweights—Ernie Roderick, Jake Kilrain (champ), Norman Snow, Johnny Houlston, George Odwell, Lefty Flynn (E.T.), Harry Mizler, Bert Chambers, Harry Craster, George Daly.

Lightweights—Dave Crowley, Jimmy Vaughan, Boy Boon, Ronnie James, Johnny McGrory, Arthur Danahar, Len Wickwar, Jack Carrick, Al Lyttle, Jim Cameron.

Featherweights—Spider Kelly (champ), Ginger Foran, Benny Caplan, Johnny Cusick, Kid Tanner (E.T.), Billy Charlton, Dick Corbett, Dan McAllister, Len Beynon, George Marsden.

Bantamweights—Kid Tanner (E.T.), Johnny King (champ), Jim Brady, Tiny Bostock, Jackie Brown, Battling Hayes, Teddy O'Neil, Joe Connolly, Charlie Brown, Syd Parker.

Flyweights—Peter Kane (champ), Kid Tanner (E.T.), Tut Whalley, Paddy Ryan, Pierce Ellis, Jim McStravick, Billy Nash, Joe Curran, Frank Bonsor, Mickey O'Neil.

E.T.—Empire title, because of color.

EUROPEAN SELECTIONS

Best of the European boxers compiled by Sparrow Robertson, sporting editor, Paris edition New York *Herald-Tribune,* and Promoter Jeff Dickson are:

Flyweights—Peter Kane (champion of world and England), Carlo Urbinati (champion of Italy), Pierre Louis (champion of France).

Bantamweights—Aurel Toma (champion of Roumania), Ernst Weiss (champion of Germany), Valentin Angelmann (France), El Houssine (France).

Featherweights—Dave Crowley (champion of England), Phil Dolhem (champion of Europe and Belgium), Paul Dogniaux (champion of France).

Lightweights—Aldo Spoldi (champion of Europe and Italy), Frank Harsen (champion of France), Joe Populo (France).

Welterweights—Marcel Cerdan (champion of France), Felix Wouters (champion of Belgium), Ernie Roderick (champion of England).

Middleweights—Antoine Christoforidis (champion of Europe and Greece), Edouard Tenet (champion of France), Jean Despeaux (France).

Light-heavyweights—Karel Sys (champion of Belgium), Jock McAvoy (champion of England), Gustave Roth (champion of Europe).

Heavyweights—Tommy Farr (England), Heinz Lazek (champion of Europe and Germany), Harry Weber (champion of Esthonia), Francis Jacques (champion of France).

The outstanding boxer of the world—Henry Armstrong (America).

The outstanding boxer of Europe—Marcel Cerdan (France).

HOW THEY STAND IN CUBA
By Milt Baron

Flyweights—Pedro Medina, Lorenzo Safora, Baby Canzoneri.

Bantamweights—Kid Chichi, Miguel Barrios, Kid Chile.

Featherweights—Baby Oriental, Santiago Sosa, Lorenzo Collazo.

Lightweights—Joe Coego, Mario Baeza, Gregorio Gutierrez.

Welterweights—Joe Legon, Rene Sanchez, Angel Ruiz.

Middleweights—Reynaldo Gutierrez, Gonzalo Pineiro, Nicholas Duenas.

Light-heavyweights—Juan Delgado, Kid Gibara.

Heavyweights—Goyo Rico, Kid Carvajal.

ALABAMA SELECTIONS
By Frank DeMille

Heavyweights—Bill Boyd, Bill Irby, Tommy Blanton, Charley Harvey, George Vallas.

Middleweights—Soldier Lacey, Jimmy Smith, Byron Cooke, Willie Fellows, Dummy Robertson.

Welterweights—Jimmy Smith, Waites Cameron, Kid Glover, Ace Jackson.

Lightweights—Petey Sarron, Sammy Magro, Bobby Dial, Cody Stewart.

Featherweights—Darse Robertson, Kid Hatcher, Shorty Roy.

Bantamweights—Verben Stevens, Rake Moran, Flash Burke, Albert Johnson.

IN ALBERTA CANADA
Heavyweights—Eddie Wenstob, Viking; Packy Paul, Richdale; Danny Paul Richdale; George Shanks, Athabasca; Jack Kilba, Edson.

Light-heavyweight—Eddie Wenstob, Viking.

Middleweights—Gordon Grayson, Wainwright; Young Tunney, Medicine Hat; Emil Lust, Medicine Hat; Mushy Callaghan, Calgary; Eddie McSporran, Chauvin; Sailor Goodlands, Sundie; Louie Lavoie, Edmonton; Jimmy Wildes, Peers; Soldier Davis, Strathmore.

Welterweights—Gordon Thompson, Black Diamond; Mickey McGuire, Edmonton; Don Carmichael, Stony Plain; Johnny Janiten, Edmonton; Lindsay Guild, Strome; Bernard Thomas, Edmonton.

Lightweights—Gordon Thompson, Black Diamond; Jimmy Holmes, Calgary; Billy McKay, Calgary; Johnny Cambell, Lethbridge; Sammy Chapman, Edmonton.

Featherweight—Flash Bailey, Edmonton.

Bantamweights—Silver Gore, Calgary; Art Janiten, Edmonton; Barney O'Connor, Edmonton; Bob Mercer, Edmonton; Bushy Graham, Edmonton.

RATINGS FOR GERMANY
By Heinz Volkmer

Heavyweights—Heinz Lazek, Walter Neusel, Arno Kolblin, Paul Wallner, Vincent Hower.

Light-heavyweights — Adolph Heuser, Yean Kreitz, Willie Pursth, Arno Trybilski, Adolph Witt.

Middleweights—Y. Besselmann, Hain Wiesner, Walter Muller, Erwin Burth, Gotthard Stein.

Welterweights—Gustave Eder, Alfred Katter, E. Huditsch, George Sporer, F. Radtke.

Lightweights—Cral Blaho, Albert Esser, Richard Haegmann, Hans Kretschman, Kurt Bielski.

Featherweights—Karl Beck, Hein Bierelt, Paul Schiller, Kurt Bernhard, Willie Bartuck.

Bantamweights—Ernst Weiss, Karl Reuscheid, Paul Schaefer.

Flyweights—Herbert Gist, Hubert Offermann.

ARGENTINE LEADERS
By R. G. Covington

Heavyweights — Alberto Lovell (champion), Eduardo Primo.

Cruiserweights—Salvador Zaccone (champion), Alfonso Knopf.

Middleweights—Jacinto Invierno (champion, retired), Raul Landini.

Welterweights—Carlos Martinez (champion), Carlos Alanis.

Lightweights—Title vacant. Leading men, Francisco Suarez and Victor Castillo.

Featherweights—Isaac Jure (champion), Daniel Aldao.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
By T. W. McNiel

Heavyweights—Frankie Edgren, Robert E. Lee, Cyclone Lynch, Jack Howard, Emilio Martinez.

Light-heavyweights—Ernie Collins, Chief Blackhawk, Johnny Flynn, Fred Currier, John Petry.

Middleweights—Chief Ballard, Truman Harvey, Windmill Pearce, Mike Montoya, Tommy Jordan.

Welterweights—Jackie Burke, Frankie Russell, Billy Firpo, Eddie Pryor, Billy Barnes.

Lightweights—Sol Levinson, Ted Garcia, Billy Ketchel, Ross Romero, Celly Roybal.

Featherweights—Tony Chavez, Ernie Lara, Tiny Garcia, Bobby Breen, Larry Cisneros.

Bantamweights—Abie Valdez, Abie Chavez, Tippy Conway, Joe Armijo, Dave Manzanares.

Flyweights—None worth mentioning.

Outstanding prospects for 1939—Ernie Collins, Johnny Flynn, Abie Valdez.

MINNESOTA STATE
By Darwin Gomer

Heavyweights—Frank Androff (state champion, Minneapolis); Russ Wasser, Minneapolis; Harry Thomas, Eagle Bend; Johnny Erjavec, Duluth; Verne Trickle, Albert Lea; Paul Atlas, Minneapolis.

Light-heavyweights—Billy Miske, Jr., St. Paul; Marvin Wason, St. Paul; Louis Rasche, Wilmont.

Middleweights—Henry Schaft, Minneapolis; Jimmy Collins, St. Paul; Marvin Wason, St. Paul; Don Espenson, Minneapolis; Johnny Talbot, St. Paul.

Welterweights—Don Espenson, Minneapolis; Don Swenson, St. Paul; Howard (Pug) Barron, St. Paul; Billy McFarland, St. Paul; Danny O'Hara, Minneapolis.

Lightweights—Harvey Woods, St. Paul; Ray Isaacs, Minneapolis, Myles Martinez, St. Paul; Carl Ford, Minneapolis; Louis Bell, St. Paul.

Featherweight—Billy Smith, Minneapolis.

CONNECTICUT CHOICES
By Louis Preslofsky

Heavyweights—Nathan Mann, Eldridge Eastman, Gene Bonin, Johnny Lesko.

Light-heavyweights—Al Nelson Gainer, George Fitch, Wally Banola, Steve Carr.

Middleweights—Charley Eagle, Unknown Morgan.

Welterweights—Irish Eddie Dolan, Jimmy Leto, Louis Kid Cocoa.

Lightweights—Johnny Bellus, Red Guggino, Johnny Mack, Julie Kogan.

Featherweights—Johnny Compo, Snooks Lacey, Harry Gentile, Bobby Ivy.

OHIO, KENTUCKY AND INDIANA
By J. Jimmie Amann

Heavyweights—Buddy Knox, Dayton, O.; Jack Trammell, Youngstown, O.; Young Harry Wills, Cincinnati, O.; Clarence Bastell, Louisville, Ky.; Floyd Gibbons, Columbus, O.

Light-heavyweights—Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Gorilla Jones, Akron, O.; Bobby Kraft, Dayton, O.; Lou Barney, Dayton, O.; Joe Mueller, Cincinnati, O.

Middleweights—Carmen Barth, Cleveland, O.; Alabama Kid, Columbus, O.; George Baratko, Cleveland, O.; Wendall Bubp, Richmond, Ind.; Simon Neblosky, Cincinnati, O.

Welterweights—Tiger Carsonia, Indianapolis, Ind.; Reno Ferranzella, Columbus, O.; Frankie Wallace, Cleveland, O.; Walter Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tiger Jackson, Barberton, O.

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Bantamweights—George Pace, Cleveland, O.; Henry Hook, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frankie Jarr, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Leo Rittenour, Akron, O.; Sammy Taormina, Akron, O.

NEW JERSEY STATE
By I. Q. Gross

Heavyweights—Tony Galento, Freddy Fiducia, Roy Lazer, Jersey Joe Walcott, Steve Dudas, Basher Dean.

Light-heavyweights — Gus Lesnevich, Larry Lane, Roscoe Manning, Ray Miller, Buddy Ryan, Frank Zamaris, Al De Vito.

Middleweights—Cal Cagni, Bobby Jones, Paulie Walker, Frankie Blair, Johnny Pastor, Gus Alexander, Butch Lynch.

Welterweights—Mickey Makar, Six Second Powell, Red Cochrane, Buster Hardy, Mike Piskin, Paul Cortlyn, Jay Macadon, Seaborn Ashley, Johnny Lucas.

Lightweights—Tippy Larkin, Maxie Fisher, Johnny Rohrig, Billy Beauhuld, Joey Ferrando, Lou Lombardi, Nunzio Bisogno, Jack Sharkey, Jr., Willie Harris.

Featherweights—Allie Stolz, Morris Parker, Frankie Conn, Frank Bove, George Harper, Al Wolfe, Tony Novello, Young Phil Sharkey, Pete Kelly.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
By Dan McNichol

Heavyweights—Jersey Joe Walcott, Merchantville; Steve Martin, Camden; Charley Robinson, Pennsville.

Light-heavyweight—Bobby Jones, Atlantic City.

Middleweights—Frankie Blair, Camden; Johnny Duca, Paulsboro; Joe Duca, Paulsboro.

Welterweights—Johnny Lucas, Camden; Puggy Snyder, Vineland; Pat Patucci, Elmer.

Lightweights—Joey Straiges, Camden; Mickey Duca, Paulsboro; Young Johnny Buff, Atlantic City.

Featherweights—Danny McNichol, Merchantville; Tommy Ricco, Camden; Pete Kelly, Riverside.

TEXAS STANDING
By Bill Davee

Heavyweights—Tiger Jack Wright, Buffalo Barcus, Joe Vandiver.

Light-heavyweights — Jimmy Webb, Ralph Chong, Buddy Scott.

Middleweights—Al Bernard, Tony Bruno, Babe Orgavon.

Welterweights—Kenny LaSalle, Eddie McGeever, Bill McDowell.

Lightweights—Wishy Jones, Lew Jenkins, Sammy Musco.

Featherweights—Bobby Siegel, Red Hutchins, K. O. Barrado.

Bantamweights—Billy Pereira, Chick Sanchez.

Flyweights—None.

MY CHOICES FOR MISSOURI
By Robt. B. Dana

Heavyweights—Thomas, Jones.

Light-heavyweights—Parks, Webb, Bostick.

Middleweights—Matthews, Moore, Sheppard.

Welterweights—Jos. Alcanter, James Alcanter, Fields.

Lightweights—Beauhuld, Garrison, Kissinger.

Featherweights—Breese, Thompson, Henley.

Bantamweight—Lee.

SOUTH FLORIDA RATINGS
By Ken Ferguson

Light-heavyweights—Jimmy Webb, Ralph Chong, Eddie Dreher.

Middleweight—Ben Brown.

Welterweights—Bobby Britton, Johnny Dean, Jack Larrimore.

Lightweights—Yucatan Kid, Chino Alvarez, Sabino Islas.

Featherweights—Pal Floyd, Red Roberts.

Bantamweights — Manuel "Skeeter" Flores, Buddy Hayes, Henry Raymond.

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News of the Mat World

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twenty-three bouts of which he won seventeen and drew three times. The record of leading mat artists for the season follows:

	M.	W.	D.	L.
Blomfield	65	48	10	†6
Detton	23	17	3	*1
Fraley	38	14	16	8
Moen	33	6	13	14
Yourist	17	5	6	6
Lopez	11	5	3	3
Raines	18	4	5	9
Meehan	25	3	9	13
Steele	5	3	2	—
Numa	10	3	1	6
Jensen	10	1	3	6
Kennedy	15	1	3	11
Hansen	5	1	3	1
Tonti	7	1	—	6
Gacek	3	*	—	2
Hill	4	—	1	3
Baffert	6	—	—	6
McKay	6	—	—	6
O'Shocker	1	—	—	1

†No-decision match in Wellington on September 19.

*Defeat of Detton by Gacek on disqualification over-ruled by Dominion Wrestling Union.

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WRESTLING NEWS FROM HAWAII, by Theodore Yamachika follows: Oki Shikina, present holder of the Hawaiian championship belt, successfully defended his title in an unlimited time affair against the one-time Pacific Coast champion, Billy Hanson, two out of three falls. Shikina, who only recently returned to the wrestling wars after a long lay-off, proved to the 4000 fans that he is still tops in Hawaii. The champion took the first fall in 37 minutes with a body press after a series of hip throws. But almost immediately afterward, Hanson evened the count with damaging head butts. For the deciding fall Shikina was able to apply his famous arm bar after a long wait maneuvering for an opening. The championship bout took 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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Promoter Al Karasick's latest importations are Herman Olson from Boston, Mass., and Bunny Martin from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Reb Russel, Denny Dusek, Chief Thunderbird and Bronko Valdez are others who are expected here in the next couple of months.

Billy Hanson is leaving Honolulu with an impressive record. He says he'll be back soon.

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Dick Raines, arriving here after campaigning in South Africa and Australia, is the toughest wrestler to show in Honolulu. Raines, although disqualified in his first bout against Leo Numa, redeemed himself the following week by taking the measure of the tough Jack Gacek. He will tackle the undefeated Al Pereira before this gets into print.

Raines hails from Dallas, Texas, and is recognized as the Lone Star state champion. He is 27 years old, weighs 235 pounds and stands 6 feet, 2 inches.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

AL SHANK, Montreal's middleweight mauler, advanced to the threshold of the Canadian middleweight title by scoring his second straight 10-round win at Quebec over Cecil Braithwaite, Maritime champion, who was one of the three challengers named along with Shank by the Canadian Boxing Federation as official ranking contenders for the title now held by Len Wadsworth of Hamilton. Ray McIntyre, New Brunswick Negro, and Irving Pease, Toronto, both former champs, were the other two named. McIntyre eliminated Pease by defeating him in a 10-rounder at St. Catherines, Ontario, recently in clean-cut fashion.

Paul Doucet, better known as "Kid Lulu," Maritime lightweight champ, qualified for a shot at Babe McLeod's Eastern Canada title by punching out a clean-cut win over Kayo Labbe, Paul Junior's brother, a tough, experienced ringman, in the 10-round semi-final.

Oliver Shank, Montreal heavyweight, will likely be seen in Quebec and Maritime rings soon. Quebec promoters are anxious to show him against Alva McDonald, Nova Scotia heavy ace, or George Leslie, P.E.I. champ. Maritime promoters are keen to show Shank against either of those two or against Bill Sparks, colored Amherst, N. S., socker. The Canadian federation, in their session last month, ranked Shank and Tommy Osborne as the only pair of contenders for Tiger Warrington's Canadian heavyweight crown.

Joey Bagnato, Julius Goldberg's Toronto bantam, is coming along nicely. In his last bout he scored victory No. 19 in 20 starts by trouncing Varias Milling in a six-rounder at Toronto. His Filipino foe is no pushover, an experienced campaigner who is plenty trouble for youngsters, though he has seen his best days. Bobby McIntyre, over whom he holds a similar verdict, and his record indicates him as a very promising lightweight. He is after a title bout with Maxie Berger but it is doubtful if the latter will ever defend his laurels as he is now a welter. A match between the little Toronto Italian strongman, one of 20 children, and Babe McLeod of Montreal is more than a possibility for one of the coming Toronto ring shows. Bagnato answers to the age of 23 years.

STRAY SHOTS—Billy Marquart, Winnipeg lightweight, is doing well around Chicago . . . ; after licking Wally Hally he stopped "General" Pershing in two heats . . . . he ranks with Dave Castilloux, Babe McLeod, Joey Bagnato among Canada's leading lighties now that Berger is pretty definitely a welter . . . . Berger has been going strong, extending his winning streak to fourteen straight when he trounced Irish Eddie Brink at New York's Bronx Coliseum recently . . . . Maurice Foreman, coach and trainer of the Shank brothers, is developing a little 14-year-old Irish lad who already shows signs of being a wowie . . . . his name is Emmett O'Connor and he scales around 85 pounds.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

THE hottest match in the history of the fight game in Texas was finally brought to a climax by Houston's hustling young promoter, Hugh Benbow. "Bomber" Al Bernard, middleweight, and Joey Parks, light-heavy, consistent and sensational performers in local rings for more than a year, were the principals. Before a packed and enthusiastic house, Bernard blasted Parks not only from the local scene, but from the entire boxing game. Joey was knocked cold by the New Yorker in less than two rounds. Parks, his jaw shattered in three places, announced his retirement from boxing.

Bernard staged one of the finest battles and most vicious attacks it has been our pleasure to watch in a long, long time. It was a smashing climax to a long string of knockout victories and serves notice on the top-flight 160-pounders that a new star is definitely in its ascendancy and one that will soon be a standout in any kind of company.

Kenny LaSalle, one of the outstanding welters in the business, showed great form in winning from Irish Eddie McGeever and Harry Jacobson. Kenny "the great" looks better than at any time in his career, which may be the reason a lot of top-notchers appear to be steering away from him.

Irish Eddie McGeever, a classy piece of fighting machinery, has scored a hit hereabouts. He handed Billy Deeg a decisive lacing, dropped a close one to Kenny LaSalle, captured the state title from Wild Bill McDowell, and trimmed Augustin Arellano.

The ghost of Jesse James hovered over the person of Referee Mike Delaney at Corpus Christi where Larruping Lew Jenkins was awarded a draw with Sammy Musco after Musco seemed to be a decisive winner. However, in a return bout, staged at Dallas, Jenkins won rather handily over Sammy. This Jenkins can swat, and how!

Bobby Siegel, classy Jewish featherweight, has just about eliminated every other feather from the picture, locally. Red Hutchins, K. O. Barrado, Kid Laredo and Sammy Musco fell victims to the hard hitting Siegel. However, the highlight of the division was a 12-round draw between Hutchins and Bobby in a return go with the state crown at stake.

Lew Feldman, New York lightweight, who lost an unpopular decision to Lew Jenkins last spring, got revenge on the Dallas clouter. However, Feldman's margin of victory was so close that it was also a very unpopular verdict with the fans, who thought Jenkins had the better of the going.

Jimmy Webb, classy 170-pounder, is back in town and due to get a lot of work with his pleasing style . . . . Wishy Jones is also back from the west coast . . . . Bill McDowell beat Billy Deeg, Carlos Garcia and Freddie Hudson . . . . Tabby Romero flattened Billy Davis and Zeke Matarr . . . . Mike Delgado beat Don Eddy . . . . Russell Brock won over Matt Martinez and Claude Villimez . . . . Fighters and managers can get a break here for pleasing young boys by getting the right kind of matches . . . . Contact Promoter Hugh Benbow, 214½ Main St., Houston, Texas . . . . Things look exceedingly bright for the coming year, with a lot of clubs running and plenty of good matches on tap . . . . The writer's address: Houston *Press*, Houston, Texas. Your correspondence will be either answered promptly or turned over to promoters, if desired.

HOLYOKE NEWS
By GEORGE KID ROSS

RICHIE GIBBONS, Springfield, Mass., fought a lively draw with the veteran, Al Gauthier of Ludlow, Mass., in a six-round main bout at the Valley Arena. Bobby Little, Holyoke, Mass., knocked out Petey Mike of Florida in the first round of a scheduled six. Al Costa, Fall River, Mass., won over Johnny Costella of Worcester, Mass., in the four-rounder. Georgie Monturis, Worcester, Mass., won the decision over Al Tachereau of Woonsocket, R. I. Lenny Isrow, Athol, Mass., decisioned Sammy Tenore, Boston, in a three-rounder. Pat McGraw decisioned Dave Duquette, three rounds. Frankie Allen, Holyoke, Mass., won over Tony Saunders, Woonsocket, R. I. Joey Gale, Marlboro, Mass., won over Chick Kelly, Easthampton, Mass.

Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn., defeated Phil Furr of Washington, D. C., in a 10-round bout. Danny Buckley of Holyoke, Mass., won over Sergt. Sammy Baker of Boston, Mass.; Billy Campanelli, Worcester, Mass., won over Pete Tarpley of Athens, Ga.; Len Isrow of Athol, K.O.'d Tony Burke of Worcester, Mass., in the second round; Lew McGuire of Worcester, Mass., decisioned Dave Duval, Springfield, Mass.; Vic Scinoski of Holyoke, Mass., K.O.'d Bob Drane, Texas.

Al Ryll of Southwick, Mass., won a main bout from Johnny Duarte of Providence, R. I. Ryll put Duarte down in the third. Johnny Costello won a decision over Al Castonquay, Holyoke, Mass. Chick Kelly of Easthampton, Mass., won over Freddie Pease of Willimantic, Conn. Vic Schinoski of Holyoke, Mass., K.O.'d Al Futters of Meriden, Conn., in the second round. Joe Rossi, Windsor Locks, Conn., won on a technical K.O. over Bobby McNeil, Warren, Mass., in the first round. Frankie Allen decisioned Tommy Burns. Johnny Barry decisioned Joe Burke.

Al Gauthier of Ludlow and Richie Gibbons of Springfield, Mass., fought another stirring fight to a draw.

Romeo Ducharme of Easthampton, Mass., received a draw with Johnny Buckley of Holyoke, Mass., in the six-round main bout; Sergt. Sammy Baker of Boston, Mass., won over Billy Campanelli of Worcester in six rounds; Earl Johnson of Boston drew with Al Castonquay of Holyoke; Lew McGuire K.O.'d Duke Demers in the second round; Frankie Allen of Holyoke won over Billy Adams of Worcester; Johnny Barry of Dalton won over Jim Costa of Meriden, Conn., in the opener.

Managers of fighters: Pictures of your boys will be appreciated by me and I will see they get a place on the walls of my sandwich shop where the Holyoke Arena clientele will have a chance to look them over. Geo. Kid Ross, Orange Bowl Sandwich Shop, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Bucky Carlo, featherweight, is a great little action fighter and will be heard of in the big time before long. Walt Andrews, 147 pounds, is also coming along, too.

Johnny Parker of Chicopee was put in with too much opposition when he went against Johnny Costello of Worcester. Costello has too much experience.

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Broadcast From New York

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Rao. Perfetti added another victory to his string—his 32d in 33 fights—at Newark a few nights later, vanquishing Willie Skidmore. Al Davis made short work of Dom Colon in their scheduled eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove, the referee halting the bout in the second round after Colon had been dropped several times and arose finally in a daze. Hymie Berg drew with Lou Napoli in one of the prelims.

A surprise of major proportions occurred in the meeting between Joey Archibald, New York State's featherweight champion, and Petey Scalzo, New York youngster, at the St. Nicholas Palace. Fans and experts were expecting a close fight and were unprepared for the startling result which saw Scalzo the winner over Archibald on a knockout, the end coming in the second round.

Fortunately for Archibald, the contest was an over-the-weight affair, Scalzo tipping the beam at 129 to 124¼ for Archibald. The first consequence of this result was the cancellation of a match between Archibald and Leo Rodak in Chicago, which was expected to clear up the confusion in the featherweight division, Rodak being the National Boxing Association's choice as defending challenger. Al Weill, manager of Archibald, immediately agreed to allow Archibald to face Scalzo in a match at the weight but Pete Reilly, Scalzo's pilot, wanted time to think things over, Pete having missed the important victory of his charge because of an attack of grippe.

Chalky Wright continued his successes in New York by stopping Pete DeGrasse in the semi-final to the Archibald-Scalzo bout. The end came in the fifth stanza of a scheduled eight. Max Shapiro also scored a kayo in his meeting with Frankie Van, finishing his foe in two rounds.

Leonard Del Genio, whose hand injuries had curtailed his fistic activities, returned to the ring to oppose Eddie Alzek at the Coliseum and came through with a brilliant performance, knocking out Alzek in the seventh of an eight-round conflict. Del Genio had floored Alzek in the previous round. In sixers, Frank Terry defeated Pete Koloff and Oliver White won from Augie Gonzales.

Brought to New York from California by Frank Bachman, former manager of Maxie Rosenbloom, Wally Hally made an inauspicious debut when he suffered a decisive trouncing at the hands of Bernie Friedkin in the Broadway Arena. A crowd of 4,000 saw the show. In the eight-round semi-final, Carl Red Guggino whipped Eddie Zivic. Substituting for the ailing Jimmy Fantini, Vincenzio Salvini was hardly a match for Pedro Montanez at Prospect Hall, Montanez finishing him in two rounds. Salvini was unable to answer the bell for the third.

The reopening of the New York Hippodrome to boxing on December 9th attracted a crowd of 4,711 which contributed a gross gate of $7,080. A week before the show, Cal Cagni, Jersey middleweight, who was to have met Glen Lee, came down with an attack of grippe and the match was cancelled. Instead, two heavyweights, Roscoe Toles of Detroit and Gunnar Barlund of Finland, were substituted. For Toles the bout was his first in New York and he came through by taking a decision after ten hard rounds. The verdict of the officials was unanimous.

Continuing his fine record in the States, Primo Flores halted Johnny Bonito in the second round of the semi-final, which had been scheduled for eight. In the other preliminaries, Joe De Jesus defeated Frankie Terranova, and Eddie Booker outpointed Lou Raymond in sixers; Marty Marino drew with Nat Kaden in four rounds, and Don Govanis finished Larry Shuck in one round.

Tony Canzoneri registered another triumph in his comeback campaign, scoring over Jimmy Murray in eight rounds at Ridgewood Grove. Murray had the better of the going during the first two rounds but then Tony took command and moved to a decisive victory, rocking Murray with an uppercut to the jaw in the sixth round. In scheduled six-round preliminaries, Izzy Redman outpointed Jerry Torres, Jack Tolson defeated Johnny Barry, and Al Mancini stopped Al Ragone in the fourth round.

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By Joe Brady

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Middleweights—Jackie Munley, Old Forge; Jimmy Young, Dunmore.

Welterweights—Eddie McGeever, Scranton; Tony Rock, Mayfield.

Lightweights—Joe Nealon, Scranton; Steve Gacha, Wilkes-Barre.

Featherweights—Len DeAndrea, Dunmore; Leroy Ponzi, Hazleton.

SYRACUSE N. Y. RATINGS

By Billy Shaw

Heavyweight—Belting Bert Courage.

Light-heavyweight—Ralph De John.

Middleweights—Eddie Saxon, Alfy Williams, Freddie Sallus.

Welterweights—Mickey Serrian, Joey Kolba, Johnny Hoffman, Billy Furrone.

Lightweights—Steve Halaiko, Jeff Furrone.

Featherweights—Joey Brown, Joey Kushner.

Bantamweight—Joey Belmont.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS AND VIEWS

By T. W. McNIEL

AT Alamosa, Colo.—Results of the Southern Colorado Golden Gloves tournament were as follows:

Flyweight, Ralph Yamaguchi; bantamweight, Ralph Vigil; featherweight, Canuto Cordova; lightweight, Ralph Wheat; welterweight, Virgil Cordova; middleweight, Jim Dyer; light-heavyweight, Joe Gallegos; heavyweight, Hilliard Montensen.

Yamaguchi, a little Japanese warrior from Pagosa Springs, Colo., was clearly the outstanding performer in the mammoth three-day fistic attraction.

Ham Jenkins, one-time middleweight contender for world's fistic honors, was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat in the Colorado legislature in the November election. Jenkins, a colored boy, lost his eyesight several years ago following an accident suffered in a bout with Steve Trojack in Denver.

John Petry, former Florence, Colo., coal miner, and who has been a contender for the Colorado heavyweight title for the past two years, has signed a contract with George Blake, Pacific Coast mitt maestro, and will campaign in California this winter.

Ralph Gwartney, 185-pound Mosca thumper, is casting about for other fields to conquer after having licked all the available talent in Southern Colorado. A terrific puncher, Gwartney is destined to go places if given the opportunity. Any promoter interested in using this boy is requested to contact Dr. R. C. Diaz, Boxing Promoter, San Luis, Colo.

Henry Jackson, former state featherweight champ, is back in Colorado after serving a three-year hitch in the U. S. Army forces in the Philippine Islands. A full-fledged lightweight now, Jackson no doubt will inject some interest into the state's dormant 135-pound class.

G. G. S., Denver, Colo.—I don't think Harry Greb ever fought in Denver. At least not against a formidable foe.

Johnny Shosky's one of the Southwest's leading lightweight ringmen of twenty-five years ago, owns and operates one of the classiest taverns in Walsenburg, Colo. Incidentally, he is among the state's most popular referees.

At Cripple Creek, Colo.—Cyclone Lynch, dusky-hued Walsenburg heavyweight, scored a three-round kayo over Bob Lewis of Phoenix, Ariz., in the feature event of a Thanksgiving Day card.

Harry White, Pueblo welterweight, found Bob Ketchel's style of milling easy to solve, and kayoed the Colorado Springs lad in the third session of the semi-windup.

The edict of the New York and California Boxing Commissions that Fred Apostoli is the middleweight champ, is the most ridiculous piece of "master-minding" that I have ever seen. Why boxing commissions continue to make themselves ridiculous by the silly practice of awarding titles with no regard as to whether a boy is entitled to a championship or not is beyond my knowledge. Apostoli has no more legal claim to the 158-pound title than has the family milkman, and until he does beat Solly Krieger in a title fight, his championship claims will continue to be scoffed at. Though boxing commissions apparently aren't aware of the fact, prize ring titles are still won and lost in the ring—not in the commission halls.

Miguel Martinez, Albuquerque, N. M.—Bert Colima has been in retirement for several years. He is living in Los Angeles, and like a lot of former fighters, is trying to groom a coming heavyweight champ.

Sam Chapman, Denver, Colo.—Yes, Dago Mike was a former featherweight boxer . . . . a good 'un, too. His correct name is Mike Mongone.

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IN THE COAL FIELDS

By JOE BRADY

BOB PASTOR made his initial start in a Scranton ring by kayoing "Irish" Mickey Dugan of Exeter, California. The end came for Dugan in the second round. In the semi-final, Jackie Munley, Old Forge middleweight, kayoed Luke Beattie, Lancaster glove wielder, in the third round. Munley, who is the most improved pugilist in the entire Coal Regions, will go a long way in the middleweight division.

In a bout scheduled for six rounds, Joe Stickler, protege of Mickey Gannon, Philadelphia fight mentor, stopped Joe Orlosky, rugged light-heavyweight from Herrick Center. Referee Al Murphy stopped the bout in the fourth stanza due to a cut eye suffered by the Herrick Center plow-boy. Eddie McCloskey, Jr., son of the former mayor of Johnstown and present State Athletic Boxing Commissioner, kayoed Willie Steffan of Hazleton in the first round. In the opening bout of four rounds, Joe Burns, Johnstown middleweight, lost a close verdict to Emil Kozel of Throop.

In another show at Scranton, Matt Raymond, Mt. Carmel's contribution to the heavyweight ranks, got up off the floor in the first round to gain a ten-round decision over Chester Palutis, hard-hitting Scranton coal miner. Appearing as he would win via the kayo route before the fifth round would roll by, Raymond, protege of Tommy Loughran, former world's light-heavyweight champion, won the verdict with his experienced left hand, which he uses with the same precision as the former world's ruler, Loughran. In the co-feature ten-rounder, Jackie Munley, present middleweight champ of the Anthracite Region, fought a slashing draw with Jesse Peirce, colored gladiator from Philadelphia. This was the third meeting between them, each battle being a sizzling encounter.

In a six-rounder, Italian Jimmy Young of Dunmore outpointed Billy Nichols of Harrisburg. Young fractured both hands in the contest. In the four-round bouts, Mickey Metro of Olyphant lost via the T.K.O. route to Charley Sabatela of Dunmore. Metro received a cut eye in the third round. In the opener, Emil Kozel, Throop middleweight, gained a close verdict over Tony Swinkey, deaf mute from Scranton.

A BIT FOR ALL—Eddie McGeever, Scranton welterweight, is the present "rage" in Texas rings . . . . McGeever is undefeated in five bouts to date . . . . Dan Malloy, Philadelphia sportsman, opened his new gymnasium at Germantown and Girard in the Quaker City . . . . Mickey Gannon, fight pilot, was named as the gym manager . . . . Freddie Hilabrandt, Philly amateur heavyweight, will turn pro under Gannon's wing . . . . Unattached fighters wanting work in the Coal County can contact the writer at 518 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa. . . . . When in town you can buy The Ring at Spec's Book Shop at Linden and Wyoming Ave.

IN BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS

By MIKE GARBUTT

MONTEGO BAY IDOL, better known as George Dixon, knocked out National Kid in the fourth round.

James Thomas, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, arrived from New York via Miami, to fight for Mr. I. M. Pommells.

Pal Silver, 141 pounds, beat George Dixon, 133, at the Palace before a big gathering.

A packed theater with very little standing room turned out to see James Thomas, 134 pounds, and Pal Silver, 138, fight 10 hard rounds. Silver got the decision of one judge and the referee.

Domine Ceccarelli and Jackie Carter are here from the States. Carter met James Thomas on November 25 and Thomas gained the decision.

Young Jim Flowers added Preston Hill to his list of wins in spite of Hill's 16 pounds' advantage.

A Corner in the Fistic Market

By THE RING EDITOR,
batting for Eddie Borden until his return from Australia.

THE past four weeks saw many of the leaders in all divisions of boxing in action. It was a period in which Henry Armstrong successfully defended his welterweight title against Ceferino Garcia, winning in fifteen rounds, and then scoring a knockout over Al Manfredo in Cleveland in three rounds for the second defense of his welter crown. Fred Apostoli won the New York State middleweight championship by stopping Young Corbett in the eighth. Lou Ambers scored a knockout over Frankie Wallace in Cleveland in seven and also beat Tommy Cross in ten.

New York State's featherweight king, Joey Archibald, was knocked out by Pete Scalzo in two rounds; Little Dado won the California State "world" flyweight crown by beating Small Montana at Oakland, Cal., in 10 rounds; Mike Belloise beat Emilio Magana in eight; Len Harvey won the British heavyweight title on a foul from Eddie Phillips in four.

In New York State's elimination tournament to find the No. 1 challenger for John Henry Lewis' title, or the champion should he retire, Tiger Fox won from Al Gainer in 15 rounds. Those were the highlights of the month ending December 12.

In the heavyweight ranks Tony Galento proved to be the most active among the leading heavyweights. Galento stopped Harry Thomas in five rounds, and followed with another K.O. win over Otis Thomas in nine heats. Bob Pastor dropped Mickey Dugan six times before stopping him in the second round. Len Harvey won the British Empire heavyweight title by defeating Eddie Phillips on a foul in four rounds.

Al Ryll, Southwick, Mass., scored his 16th straight win by drubbing Johnny Duarte in 10. Bill Boyd continued his sensational winning streak by beating Hardrock Hardin in 10, and knocking out Buck Everett in seven.

Bill Poland, another good prospect, K.O.'d Johnny Kreiger in six heats. Walter Neusel won the German heavyweight championship by beating Arno Koelblin in 12 rounds. Nathan Mann knocked out George Fitch in seven rounds. James J. Britt of South Africa K.O.'d Jack Smith in six and George Markwick in seven. Johnny Paychek won from Russ Wasser in 10.

Eddie Simms beat Unknown Winston in 10 then lost to Johnny Whiters in 10. Whiters knocked out Jack Kranz in one. Eddie Blunt scored over Bob Tow in 10. Roscoe Toles bounced back into the heavyweight picture with an easy 10-round decision over Gunnar Barlund. Ted Zeborsky beat Bill Schloeman in four, then drew with Jerry Grieff, also in four.

Sandy McDonald trounced George Nicholson in four, but was stopped by Tony Musto in six heats. Carl Vinciquerra, crack Omaha heavy, K.O.'d Johnny Nelson in one and Vergil Clark in four. Len Rowlands beat Tommy Brown in 10. Harry Wacker knocked out Bob Tow in six rounds.

Lloyd Montgomery beat Moon Mullins in 10. Larry White stopped Jerry Johnson in three. Gus Dorazio won from Buddy Ryan in eight stanzas. Floyd Gibbons drew with Clarence Brown in four. Montie Mark beat Leonard Niblitt in four, and Pal Silvers beat James O. Johnson in six heats. Bob Nestell knocked out Nash Garrison in two.

In the light-heavyweight division, in addition to Fox's victory over Gainer, Dave Clark knocked out Ted Keating in Detroit, one; Danny Temple beat John Gehring in four, and Eddie Mader in four. Tommy Tucker continued his victories by beating Mike Alfino in eight. Larry Lane beat Nick Young in 10. Willie Pavlovich beat Marty Gordon in four and Tony Morelli in four. Johnny Softley beat Mistos Grispos in 12. Herbie Katz lost to Frank Caris in six and beat Bobby Jones, eight. Don Giovanis knocked out Jack Ravin in two. Matt Raymond beat Chester Palutis, 10. Bobby Craft beat Henry Johnson, 10. Frank Hough knocked out Pat Mulcahy in two. Joe Mount beat Kenny Robinson, 10.

Besides the bout in which Apostoli continued his climb, other contests in the middleweight division were:

Solly Krieger beat Carmen Barth, Cleveland, 10, but lost to Billy Conn in 12 at Pittsburgh. Ken Overlin beat Milton Shivers, 10, and Nat Balden, 10. Ben Brown beat Bob Turner, 10, and knocked out Tommy Beck, six.

Jock McAvoy stopped Jack Strongbow in five. Steve Mamakos knocked out Lambertine Williams, six. Ginger Saad beat Mohammed Fahmy, 10. Teddy Yarosz beat Ralph De John in 10. Charley Burley beat Billy Soose, 10. Arthur Danaher knocked out Douglas Kestrell in one. Billy Clayburn beat Paulie Walker, 10. Eddie Booker beat Lou Raymond, six, and Dem Wakerlis, six. Cal Cagni beat Frankie Blair, six, and Blair lost to Bobby Britton, 10.

Dai Jones knocked out Reg Gregory, four. Johnny Iannone beat Frank Moran, six, and also beat Charley Winklefriet, four. Lloyd Marshall beat Ben Valentine, six. Tony Zale beat Enzo Lanozzi, six. Mickey Sian beat Johnny Sharkey, six. Al Bernard knocked out Spud Kelly in three and Joey Parks in two. Johnny Pavlovich knocked out Phil Flanagan, two. Larry Kellum beat Eddie Guerra, six. Moe Moss knocked out Tommy Ireland, eight. Eric Veigh scored a TKO over Frank Moran. Johnny Romero knocked out Art Johnson, four. Archie Moore knocked out Ray Lyle, two. Eddie Slavin fought a draw with Billy Kelly, four. Roosevelt Rowe knocked out Paul Cortlyn, two. Henry Shaft knocked out Bobby Lamont, two. Pennah Ranzola knocked out Lee Cox, two. Johnny Barry beat Sandy Mangia, four. George Burnett knocked out Tony Usas, three.

Results among the welters follow: Fritzie Zivic beat Frankie Blair in eight, knocked out Al Hamilton in five and beat Vincent Pimpinelli in 10. Milt Aron beat Jackie Burke, 10. Ralph Zanelli knocked out Frankie Britt, four. Saverio Turiello stopped Carlo Orlandi, nine, for Italian welter title. Jimmy Leto beat Phil Furr, 10. Norman Snow won on a foul from George Odwell, five. Odwell lost to Seaman Jim Lawlor in 10 and knocked out Bat Haley, two. Jack Kid Berg beat Frankie Cavanna, eight.

Marty Marino knocked out Gene Molnar, three, and beat Mickey Donohue in four. Marino also beat Nat Kadin in four. Kadin drew in four with Tommy Houston and lost to Pete Monsata, four. Donohue also lost to Gene Molnar in six, and Molnar beat Pedro Nides, four. Bobby Pacho knocked out Johnny Stevens, three. Kenny LaSalle beat Harry Jacobson, 10, and knocked out Don Eddy, six.

Holman Williams drew with Tony Rock, six. Johnny Barbara beat Bobby Lamonte, 10, and Jackie Burke, 10. Bobby Masters beat Lew Massey, 10. Buster Carroll beat Pete De Ruzza, eight. Ziggi Lander beat Mickey Salem, six. Eddie Steele beat Jimmy Lancaster, six.

Tom Mollis beat Jackie Reemis, four. Bob Cummings beat Eddie Guerra, six. Paddy Roche drew with Charley Webster in eight and was knocked out by Jack McNight, five. Paul Cortlyn beat Bob Winters, 10. Ralph Tiovello knocked out Jerry Torres, four. Torres lost to Izzy Redman in four and Joe Vologana in six. Johnny Craig beat Joe Woods, four. Frank Terry beat Tony Greb, six; Joe Sankey beat Billy Masters, eight. Frankie Terry knocked out Tommy Zano, two. Tony Ferrera beat Charley Drabino, four. Mayon Pablo beat Peck Graber, six. Irish Eddie McGeever beat Tiger Pelon, 10, and knocked out Joey Alcanter, two. Harry Mizler beat Rex Whitney, 10. Joe Triano beat Frank Valez, six. Jerry Fiorello beat Erico Higgs, four. Dick Ritchie knocked out Tommy Corbett, seven. Dick Demary drew with Henry Shaft, 10.

The leading lightweight contests were: Lou Ambers beat Tommy Cross in 10 and stopped Frankie Wallace in seven. Pedro Montanez knocked out Vincenzo Servino, two. Davey Day knocked out Harvey Woods, nine. Maxie Berger scored his 13th straight win by beating Irish Eddie Brink in eight. Enrico Venturi stopped Lou Massey in four and Lew Feldman in eight.

Sammy Angott beat Norment Quarles in 10 and Freddie Miller in 10. Al Davis stopped Don Colon, two. Billy Beauhuld beat Charley Gomer, eight. Tony Canzoneri beat Howard Scott in eight and Jimmy Murray in eight. Nick Camarata beat Wally Hally in ten and Frankie Covelli, ten. Covelli fought a draw with Leon Efrati and Hally lost to Bernie Friedkin, eight.

Georgie Crouch beat Jimmy Garrison, ten. Georgia Zangaras beat Harvey Woods, 10. Primo Flores beat Frankie Terranova, eight, and knocked out Johnny Bonito in two and Charley Burns in three. Terranova lost to Joe De Jesus in two. Bonito also lost to Mickey Farber, eight. Joey Ferrando beat Yucatan Kid, 10, and knocked out Nunzio Bisogno, four. Johnny McGrory beat Dave Crowley, 10.

Arthur Danahar knocked out Douglas Kestrell in one and beat Dave Finn in eight. Finn won on a foul from Tommy Hyams, four. Matt Perfetti beat Gerard Delia, six. Petey Sarron beat Mike Gamiere in 10, and Gamiere knocked out Kid Gela, eight. Chino Alvarez beat Johnny Dean, 10. Harry Ovis knocked out Frankie Salvadore, two. Tommy Jones beat Jud Allen, 10. Eric Boon won on a foul from Mac Perez, 10, and Boon was knocked out by Albert Edkins, three.

Al Nettlow beat Paul Junior in 10, and also beat Jackie Sheppard in six. Johnny Rohrig beat Johnny Fernand, eight. Tommy Roman drew with Frankie Reese, eight. Vic Cochado beat Young Chappie, eight. Young Chappie beat Vic Troise, eight. Vince Demarco beat Benny Piazza, four. Ernest Robinson beat Lloyd Laskey, four. Tony Greb beat Tommy Zano, four. Eddie Brink beat Maurice Arnault, eight.

Billy Marquart knocked out Orville Drouillard, one. Indian Billy Lee drew with Quentin Breese, eight. Jimmy Devlin knocked out Henry Masselli, three. Joe Flyer knocked out Al George, one. Jackie Savino knocked out Nat Kolin, two. Mike Kaplen knocked out George Martin. Sammy Margo beat Darse Robertson, 10. Young Parsons beat Waites Cameron, six. Jehudi Reif knocked out Mickey Polo, one. Solly Gerstler beat Frankie Savia, four. Jackie Wilson knocked out Jack Raymer, one. Len Wickwar knocked out George Daly, five, but lost to Al Lyttle, 10.

Red Guggino beat Eddie Zivic, eight. Bob Montgomery beat Jackie Sheppard, eight. Carl Silvers

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RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Here are the ratings of the boxers for the month ending December 15, 1938:

Heavyweights	Light-Heavyweights	Middleweights	Welterweights
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion John Henry Lewis	World's Champion Title Vacant	World's Champion Henry Armstrong
1—Lou Nova	Tiger Jack Fox	Fred Apostoli	Ceferino Garcia
2—Max Baer	Melio Bettina	Solly Krieger	Fritzie Zivic
3—Bob Pastor	Ron Richards	Ron Richards	Charley Burley
4—Tony Galento	Gus Lesnevich	Ken Overlin	Ernie Roderick
5—Maxie Rosenbloom	Len Harvey	Teddy Yarosz	Steve Mamakos
6—Len Harvey	Adolph Heuser	Walter Woods	Saverio Turiello
7—Red Burman	Jock McAvoy	Ben Brown	Sammy Luftspring
8—Roscoe Toles	Al Gainer	Al Hostak	Jake Kilrain
9—Gus Dorazio	Billy Conn	Jock McAvoy	Kid Frattini
10—Tommy Farr	Ambrose Palmer	Ginger Sadd	Jimmy Leto

Lightweights	Featherweights	Bantamweights	Flyweights
World's Champion Henry Armstrong	World's Champion Title Vacant	World's Champion Sixto Escobar	World's Champion Peter Kane
1—Lou Ambers	Leo Rodak	K. O. Morgan	Little Dado
2—Pedro Montanez	Pete Scalzo	Lou Salica	Small Montana
3—Davey Day	Dave Castilloux	Georgie Pace	Kid Tanner
4—Baby Arizmendi	Joey Archibald	Kid Tanner	Tut Whalley
5—Sammy Angott	Mike Belloise	Aurel Toma	Jackie Jurich
6—Billy Beauhuld	Chalky Wright	Henry Hook	Dennis Cahill
7—Aldo Spoldi	Johnny Hutchinson	Pancho Villa	Carlo Urbinati
8—Petey Sarron	Al Reid	Johnny Gaudes	Tiny Bostock
9—Maxie Berger	Freddie Miller	Teddy O'Neil	Paddy Ryan
10—Tommy Cross	Claude Varner	Spider Kelly	Tommy Farriker

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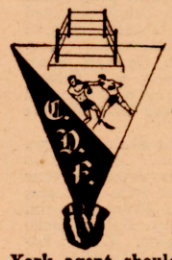

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

THE largest throng of spectators to attend a boxing presentation during the month was the headliner involving Davey Day, one of the ranking lightweight challengers of Henry Armstrong's supremacy, and Harvey Woods of St. Paul. Fifteen thousand fans gathered at the 124th Field Artillery Armory for a Christmas benefit show. Day, in his methodical execution of sharp jabs, hooks and counters, administered a terrific lacing to Woods, cutting him up unmercifully and stopping him in the 10th frame. The semi-windup between Leone Efrati of Italy and Eddie Dempsey, featherweight Golden Gloves champion, was a slugging duel throughout and was declared a draw. In a six-round tiff, Gene Spencer, Petey King's classy 126-pounder, defeated Joe Laws of the South Side, and in the four-rounders, Earl Gibbs pounded out a win over Sonny Batson, Orlando Trotter beat Bill Palmer and Eddie Lander outslugged Johnny Boyd. The former and the latter boxers are featherweights; Trotter and Palmer, light-heavyweights.

At one of the Park Casino main events, Johnny Barbara, ambidextrous puncher, won a clean-cut decision over Frankie Cavanna, New York City knockout conqueror of Milt Aron, in 10 rounds. Barbara utilized a deft left hand and tied Cavanna up before he could unleash his favorite attack of swinging short left and right-hand arch shots. Johnny also connected with several right-hand piston shots to hold Cavanna at bay.

The semi-windup revealed Leone Efrati, Emil Nanny's importation from Italy, winner over Eddie Dempsey, Issy Klein's featherweight antagonist, in a rousing contest that stole the show. In the fours, Bob LaMonte took the measure of Georgie Engle; Joe Lubin, husky Jewish West Side heavyweight, beat Selman Martin; and Georgie White trimmed Steve Paddon.

Henry Wacker, dynamic sepia walloper, put the crusher on Bob Tow, Alexandria, Va., heavyweight, to enhance his spectacular career no little in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the White City Boxing Club. In the semi-attraction, Carl Vinciquerra, slugger from Omaha, Nebr., stopped Clarence Brown, Chicago heavyweight, in the fourth canto. Four-rounders saw Sammy Sullivan blast out a three-round kayo of Johnny Fairchild, Eddie Lander winning a fast melee from Sonny Batson and George Nyberg besting Alex Pug.

Harvey Woods, Greek battler from N. Y. C., made his debut in a Chicago ring by larruping Harvey Woods, St. Paul lightweight, for 10 rounds . . . . Milt Aron, who has lost considerable prestige following his kayo at the hands of Frankie Cavanna, met Vincent Pimpinella of New York City and Jackie Burke of Ogden, Utah, during the month to add to his win column. Aron celebrated the latter victory with his matrimonial venture . . . . Billy Marquart, since his return from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, punched Wally Hally from pillar to post and stiffened Orville Drouillard and Hank Pershing in one and two rounds, respectively . . . . Bob Tinsley, Jimmy Bidwill's crack lightweight, won over Lorenzo Lovings, but his continued winning success was halted by the rugged Tommy Howell. But Bob will, nevertheless, be heard from in the near future.

The Park Casino offered Ken Overlin, Decatur contender for world middleweight honors, opposite Milton Shivers of Detroit as the headliners on its usual Wednesday evening show. Shivers proved a tartar. Overlin couldn't get over any slugging sprees and Shivers was willing to meet any assault meted out by the flashy Ken, in their 10 rounds of hectic milling . . . . Verle Davis, Golden Gloves lightweight alumnus, has placed himself under the guidance of Ross Mullen, who handles the fistic reigns of Johnny Barbara . . . . Verle, in his first two pro encounters, punched out a win over Eddie Sparrow, and displayed considerable punching power when he dropped Nick Castiglione, durable Italian youth, in every round in their four-round fray . . . . Bob La Monte, Bob Capocy's hard-as-nails welterweight hombre, had his durable chin massaged by hefty clouts from the rapid pistoning of Barbara for eight rounds without once landing on the deck. At an earlier date here in the Windy City, La Monte slugged out a one-sided victory over Keith Graves of Peoria, Ill.

Carl Vinciquerra, Jack Hurley's heavyweight protege, was pitted against Johnny Nelson, 170-pounder from Buffalo, in one of promoter Sam Abrucate's current weekly top billings. Carl stowed away the lean Nelson in less than a minute of fistic warfare to add another knockout to his record . . . . The semi-feature had Floyd Gibbons from Detroit, Mich., versus Clarence Brown, a former C.Y.O. heavyweight champion. Floyd fought an impressive draw with the sharp hitting Brown.

Doyle (Kid) Carnahan, red-headed 140-pounder from Wooster, Ohio, is here in town and will avail his ability to local fight partisans. Doyle has engaged in some forty contests in and around Cleveland, Ohio . . . . Frankie Covelli, Italian busybody from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Leone Efrati, Italian-Jewish importation from Rome, Italy, lambasted one another for 20 rounds (two 10-rounders). The first bout was called a draw, Efrati proving his versatility as a ring general and glove wielder in their second spat, executing a terrific body attack to slow Covelli down to a walk.

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beat Hub Smith in 10 and knocked out Battling Mickey. Joey Green beat Joey Raymond, 10.

Here are the featherweight bouts that held attention: Petey Scalzo knocked out Johnny Campo in five and Joey Archibald in two; Archibald beat Paul Lee, 10. Tony Dupre beat Jimmy Urso in eight and Dupre lost to Abe Dana in 10. Phineas John beat George Marsden, 10. John also beat Tommy Hyams in 10.

Al Reid beat Jimmy Lancaster in eight and Joey Fontana in eight. Allie Stolz beat Willie Skidmore, eight. Chalky Wright beat Vincent Del Orto in eight and knocked out Pete De Grasse in five, and Del Orto also lost to Joey Fontana in eight. Al Pedlar knocked out Sam Moore, one. Joe Royce beat Johnny Higgins, 10, Johnny Horner and Ab Viney, 12.

Matt Perfetti beat Frankie Rao, six, and Willie Skidmore, eight, for his 32nd victory in 33 pro fights. Lee Harper beat Joey Gatto, six, for his 19th straight. Nick Peters drew with Ritchie Fontain, 10. Phil Zwick beat Armando Ceccilla, 10. Georgie Hansford drew with Tony Chavez, 10.

Mike Belloise knocked out Emilio Magana, eight. Willie Harris beat Pee Wee Bonito, six. Frankie Van knocked out Jack Seliga, two. Al Reba beat Red Roberts, eight. Joey Raymond beat Al Manriquez, 10. Joshio Nakamura beat Harry Gentile, six. Tony Novello beat Frankie Bove, eight, and drew with Henry Buena, four.

Frankie Jarr beat Joe Marienelli, 10. Len D'Andrea stopped Vankie Watson, three. Frankie Conn beat Benny Piazza, eight. Curley Nichols knocked out Tony Della, two. Johnny Della beat Joe Memoli, four. Willie Joyce beat Armando Sicilia, 10. Bobby Ruffing beat Carlos Quevas, eight. Billy Joyce beat Johnny Scully, eight. Danny McNichol knocked out Tom Moore, two.

Ronnie James knocked out Johnny McGrory, two. Cuthbert Taylor drew with Syd Morgan, 10. Andy Cristano beat Curley Nichols, four. Jack Hyams beat Eddie McGuire, 10. Dennis Chadwick knocked out Don McAllister, two. Pablo Dano beat Unio Gen, 10. Vince De Marco drew with Natie Hall, four. Tom Christie beat Lou Napoli, four, and Napoli drew with Hymie Berg, four.

Maxie Shapiro knocked out Frank Owen, two. Oliver White beat Augie Gonzales, six. Nat Litfin beat Christabal Jaramillo, eight. Pedro Hernandez knocked out Ricardo Nunez, one. Tommy Spiegal beat Jose Hernandez, six, and beat Mickey Duca, 10. Al Mancini stopped Al Ragone, five.

As usual there was little of note among the bantams and flyweights. In the bantam division, after winning 19 straight, Kid Tanner lost to Tommy Burns, 10. Burns was later knocked out by Bobby Wade, five. Johnny King beat Ralph Valdes, 10, and King lost to Johnny Cusick, 10. Aurel Toma knocked out Len Hampston, five, and Hampston lost on a foul to Battling Jim Hayes, six. Georgie Pace beat Henry Hook, 10. Stan Kirby beat Tom Nichols, 10.

Lou Salica beat Katsumi Morioka, 10. Bobby McGee beat Pat Palmer, 10, and Palmer beat Freddy Tennant, eight. Jackie Brow beat Pierce Ellis, 10. Kui Kong beat Canada Lee, seven.

In the flyweight ranks, Jackie Jurich drew with Paddy Ryan, 12. Tommy Campbell knocked out Joe Curran, one. Syd Parker beat Alex Knight, 10. Dennis Cahill beat Johnny Leitsch, 10. Billy Nash beat Jake Carr, 10, and Charley Wilson, 12. Sammy Reynolds beat Syd Parker, 10. Phil Milligan stopped Taffy Jones, one, and lost to Joe Curran in 12. Tut Whalley and Billy Nash, no contest, nine. Tommy Stewart knocked out Jim McStravick, six.

The eight leading prospects of the month follow:
Heavyweight—Carl Vinciquerra, Omaha.
Light-Heavyweight—Al Marson, England.
Middleweight—Ernie Vigh, New York.
Welterweight—Bobby Clarke, New Zealand.
Lightweight—Harris Ovis, Brooklyn.
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Flyweight—Paddy Ryan, England.

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HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

THE biggest surprise of the month came in a Saginaw bout when Marty Simmons, veteran Saginaw 165-pounder, went to a draw with Dave Clark, Detroit's classy colored light-heavy. Simmons, a short, rugged workman, has been doing very well of late, but wasn't figured to do that well against Clark, who is one of the best men of his weight seen around here since the days of Mike Gibbons.

At the Arena Gardens in a later show, Clark himself pulled a big surprise when it took him just 48 seconds to knock out Ted Keating, clever young Toronto heavy. Keating, a nice boxer, was figured to lose but not in that manner. In the semi-final, George Burnett, colored middleweight, looked good in winning a six-round decision over Irvin Pease, seasoned battler out of Toronto. In a scheduled 10-rounder at Fairview Gardens, Burnett required but three rounds to knock out Tony Usas, Huntington, W. Va., boxer.

Eddie Sedliar, great little Polish featherweight stablemate of Joe Sutka, looked good in winning over Emil Tanner. Benny Goldberg, former amateur ace who campaigned successfully on the Pacific Coast, had little trouble with Joe Nadau, Detroit bantam, and won by a knockout in the third heat. Al Reiss stopped Tom Carter in the third and Howell King scored a five-round kayo over Jimmy Harper in a great welterweight battle.

Johnny Whiters, colored heavy of Pontiac, continues to bowl over opposition. In a scheduled 10-rounder at Pontiac, Johnny stopped Jack Kranz in the first round.

Speedy Johnson, lightweight favorite from Pontiac, defeated Stanley Poradan, roughhouse battler from Port Huron, in a six-rounder. Steve Kruchko defeated Tom Carter and Eddie Scott stopped Nick Basil on the same program.

Al Nettlow, who campaigned in these parts some time back, is reported to be doing very well since going with Al Weill. In bouts up East, Nettlow has won and lost with Paul Junior, Lewiston, Me., veteran, and beaten Honey Melody, Boston's crack 138-pounder.

Walter Stanfield, Ann Arbor's rugged middleweight, lost an unpopular 10-round decision to Clem Richards in a Fairview Gardens headliner. In a rematch, he was well ahead on points only to become incapacitated due to a badly cut eye. Richards was doing well until he ran into Buddy Waterman, an ebony masterpiece, who chilled him in the first round.

Winston "Spider" Kelly is still holding out at his River Rouge A. C. Spider has the best equipped gym in this part of the country.

Bobby McIntire, sensational young Detroit lightweight, turned in a convincing triumph when he outgunned Speedy Johnson, Pontiac flash, in 10 rounds for Walter Sharp at Fairview. Their match last March ended in the third round when McIntire received a cut eye.

Young Kid McCoy, 19-year-old Dearborn lightweight, treated Pat Thomas to a six-round lacing in the semi-final. The following week Pat lost in a six-round thriller to Phil Norman, elongated colored artist.

Joe Sutka, Wyandotte, Michigan, middleweight champion, turned on his heaviest guns to flatten Young Dubois in jig time in Port Huron. Stanley Porada, seasoned journeyman from Port Huron, did well in earning a draw with Young Kid McCoy, in a six-rounder.

Billy Marrone fought well, but a late rally by Mansfield Driscoll was enough to offset Billy's early lead, and he lost the decision to Driscoll in 10 hard heats at Fairview. Buddy Michel scored over Tommy Johnson on the same card.

Billy Stob, former top-line welterweight, has a fine young fighter in tow by the name of Pat Carroll. Pat looks like a good prospect.

Charlie Parham, colored bantam, has won four successive bouts by knockouts. Parham combines boxing with punching, and will box Russ McCarthy, Ontario star, in the near future.

Bobby McIntire turned in a real triumph when he took seven of eight rounds to win in decisive fashion over Lee Shapard, Cleveland's colored clouter, in a Toledo bout. Shapard, a seasoned campaigner, who has boxed Sammy Angott, Tommy Spiegle, Maxie Strub, Charley Baxter, George Dixon and Chuck Woods, was figured to be a little too much for McIntire, but the kid came through with plenty to spare. Toledo, formerly a great fight town, looks like it will be a great spot in the near future.

Willie Dominguez has his Royal A. C. going good. Many of the leading local fighters work out there, and they always get the best of treatment from Willie, who is a swell little fellow.

CLEVELAND CHATTER

By SPARKY RUDOLPH

GEORGIE PACE defeated Henry Hook in a 10-round go at Toronto, Canada. Pace won seven out of 10 rounds, staggering the Hoosier in the seventh, ninth and tenth rounds. Hook a few weeks before beat Sixto Escobar in an overweight match and did a nice job to win the unanimous decision. Hook also fought a great fight here in Cleveland when he outclassed Pablo Dano in a roughhouse match. Dano won the first three rounds, but from there on little Henry was the master, using a bag full of tricks to grab the verdict after 10 rounds.

It was the first show under the matchmaking of Bobby Evans, transplanted from the West Coast. The show was a great one. On the same card Mike Gamiere beat Orville Drouillard in 10 rounds, but Mike knew he was in a fight. Eddie Simms defeated Unknown Winston in another 10-rounder, a pleasing fight to watch. Midge Mangine and Joey Wells were at it again with Mangine winning the nod after six hot rounds. Ralph Vasey beat Jim Brinkman in the six-round opener.

Umio Gem, a good looking Jap fighter from California, won over Pablo Dano in the second show Mr. Evans put on at the Arena. The Little Dano gave the Jap six pounds and the decision was close. Mike Gamiere stopped Kid Cela in eight rounds, and looked very good in doing it. Eddie Simms won the T.K.O. route over Sunny Jim McVey in four rounds. McVey was on the floor twice but the referee halted it when Jim's eye was badly cut. It was just as well because Simms was the master from the start.

Hank Pershing continued his win streak at Chicago by beating a good boy in Jim Buckler. Pershing is back in town, taking a rest before going back to the Windy City.

Jimmy Vaughn blew back into town to spend the holidays with his folks. He is just fresh from a win over Wishy Jones out Los Angeles way. Sammy Lombardo is back in condition and is ready to meet the best 126-pounders around.

Manny Robins, who at one time controlled the best amateurs around this part of the country, is in the employ of the Arena. He is Al Sutphin's right-hand man.

JABS FROM CAULIFLOWER ALLEY—Ross Widen, who was once one of the most popular club fighters around, is punching transfers for the Cleveland Railway Co. instead of fighters . . . . Lloyd Marshall, former Cleveland amateur champion, who made a name for himself on the Coast, is back in town for a few weeks . . . . Harold Dettman, a good middleweight, is having trouble finding work . . . . Young Oscar Gardner is back in training after a six months rest . . . . Bryan Downey's gym is loaded these days with fight fans . . . . Send your notes to Sparky Rudolph, Knickerbocker Hotel, 8314 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Joey Wells won over Midge Mangine in their return meeting, which was also a humdinger, Charley McCarthy beat Ralph Vasey in the six-round opener.

Bobby McIntyre defeated Lee Sheppard in a close eight-rounder at Toledo. Johnny Sheppard was credited with a one-round knockout over Norman Hinton, when Johnny gave him a body beating that Hinton could not absorb. Charley McCarthy defeated Ralph Vasey again in a fast six-round bout. Jim Olah scored a T.K.O. over Jim Vekas in the third round.

Johnny Sheppard kayoed Pete Petrone in 52 seconds of the first round at Erie, Pa. Lee Sheppard knocked out Joe Tassey in the first. Joe Tuma has trouble getting work for the Sheppard boys, who both are pretty good fighters.

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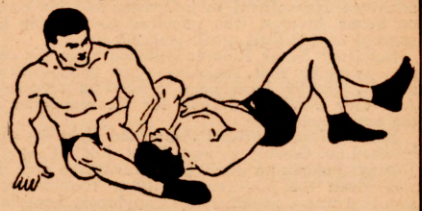

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UPS 'N' DOWNS IN MIAMI
By KEN FERGUSON

IT took a Spaniard and an Irishman to provide Miami gallery bugs with the finest display of murder, mayhem and destruction that this fine old city has seen since the Seminoles were playing hide-and-seek with Uncle Sam's militia in the Everglades. Irish Johnny Dean, as fine a son of the auld sod as ever drew on a leather mitten, was matched with Chino Alvarez, the Tampa lightweight whose veins course with blood of the old Spanish Dons, and it might have been just another fight if the Irishman hadn't stepped on the scales at 141½—1½ pounds over weight stipulations. But Mr. Dean was overweight . . . . and Mr. Alvarez was angry.

Result: Mr. Dean was forced to sweat off that additional avoirdupois . . . . which Mr. Dean did at some great expense to Mr. Dean's dignity.

The more Mr. Dean thought about it, the angrier he became, and when he bounded out of his corner at Bill Gore's Tuttle Roof feature, Mr. Dean was fit to be tied, as the saying goes.

Mr. Dean then proceeded to give Senor Alvarez everything he had in his repertoire, and we might add that Mr. Dean has plenty . . . . Thumbs, elbows, bridgework, earlobes and everything but Mr. Dean's Cousin Sam went to work for Mr. Dean against Senor Alvarez.

Senor Alvarez was so puzzled and hurt by Mr. Dean's actions that he appealed to Referee Eddie Coachman and refused to emerge from his corner beginning the fourth round. Referee Coachman was adamant. He refused to intercede, and his count on Senor Alvarez, who remained comfortably ensconced on his little stool, reached nine.

Suddenly Senor Alvarez bounded from his corner, swinging that snakelike right hand directly at Mr. Dean's Irish mug. Spectators screamed. And they didn't need seats for the remainder of the ten rounds.

Senor Alvarez utilized the mailed right fist that knocked out Cowboy Howard Scott, Eddie Cool and Johnny Jaddick to such good advantage that he was given the preference after a 10-round session that was a combination Donnybrook, Louisiana Hay Ride and Alligator Stomp.

Carl Sivers, 136, Jacksonville, whipped Mickey Cisco in a good six-round semi-final.

Paul Westbrook, Miami's veteran welter, drew with Dick Hernandez, 141, Tampa. Johnny Lindsey, Oklahoma Indian welter, stopped Young Walton, Tyler, Texas, in the fourth, and Henry Raymond, Tampa flyweight, outpointed Cyclone Diaz.

Another good right hand won a fight for Yucatan Kid, Mexican lightweight, over Cowboy Howard Scott, in the 10-round Miami Beach feature recently.

Behind on points, the Kid landed a right hand flush on the Cowboy's "button" in the eighth round, and Scott crumpled to the canvas. Referee Jimmy Peerless' count reached "three" before the bell rang, and Scott regained his feet to give the Mexican a rough argument until he was "dumped" for another count of "three" in the tenth. Those two knockdowns won the fight for Yucatan Kid.

Dub Bowen, 134, Miami, defeated Alex Cupiano, 136, Puerto Rico, in the six-round semi-final, best fight on the card.

Pal Floyd, 125, Fort Benning, dropped Phil Rocco, 127, Miami, twelve times before the referee stopped it in the fourth. Al Williams, 183, Miami Beach, knocked out Richard Franks, 177, Hartford, Conn., in the first round, and Red Bennett, 156, Terre Haute, Ind., kayoed Johnny Ashby, 154, St. Petersburg, in the second round.

Eddie "Wildman" Dreher, rugged Los Angeles light-heavy, outpointed Charley Jerome of Memphis in 10 rounds at the Tuttle Roof.

Carl Sivers, 138, Jacksonville, knocked out Dan King, Dayton, Ohio, in four rounds. Johnny Lindsey, 151, Cherokee Indian from Ponca City, knocked out Lou Gendell, 144, Miami, in a great scrap of four rounds.

Al Manriquez, 130, Sioux City, knocked out Bobby Diaz, 129, Tampa, in five rounds, and Red Roberts, 125, Shreveport, won from Blondy Ward, 119, Dayton, Ohio, in the curtain raiser.

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Ben Brown, inaugurating his Miami fall campaign, won handily over veteran Irish Bob Turner, West Virginia middleweight, in Captain Peeples 10-round Miami Beach feature recently.

Jack Larrimore, St. Petersburg welter, continued uphill with a one-round knockout of Bob Moning, also of St. Pete, while young Tommy Hoover eked out a close six-round decision from Alex Cupiano, Puerto Rico crowd-pleaser.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By TOM EPHREM

THERE is a good chance for big time professional boxing to be featured again at the Duval Armory in Jacksonville, Florida, after an absence of more than four years. The promoter, who has high hopes of bringing the game out of its doldrums in this city, is none other than Captain W. H. Peeples, Jr., of Miami Beach, Florida. "Cap" is well known in all parts of the United States. At the present time he is devoting his time in promoting fights at the Florida Resort City, besides handling the Yucatan Kid.

All Florida promoters, please notice. Mr. Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of THE RING Magazine, is conducting a world-wide heavyweight boxing tournament that is open to all heavyweights. If any promoter in Florida can get some heavyweights together, Mr. Fleischer will gladly donate a belt emblematic for a state championship. You must have at least six boys entered, stage several preliminaries among them and the two survivors will meet for the state diadem. The winner of this match will receive from Mr. Fleischer, personally, THE RING Belt.

When "Pa" Stribling's new heavyweight hope, Moon Mullins, won a hard-earned decision over Lloyd Montgomery two months ago for the Southern heavyweight championship, his victory was short-lived. Montgomery came right back in their second duel and handed the "Moon" a lacing to win the referee's decision at Memphis, Tennessee. Montgomery comes from Bauxite, Arkansas, and Mullins is from D'Lo, Mississippi.

Again yours truly has had the pleasure of hearing from Bill Gore, matchmaker of the Tuttle Arena, Miami's newly formed fight club. Big Bill has finally found a choice spot for his popular gymnasium, which was formally located in Miami Beach and known the country over.

The present location of Gore's Gym is at [illegible] South-West First St., and only a few minutes' walk from the Tuttle Arena in downtown Miami. Bill's friends will do good in dropping him a line at his new gym or at his home, 211 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Florida.

The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was victorious in the University of Florida All-Campus tourney, closely winning the ring honors from Kappa Sigma fraternity, after some of the best campus mitt-slinging ever to be seen at this college. Roland (Buck) Schindler was awarded the U. of F. intramural department's gold medal as the outstanding trainer of the tournament, with four of his proteges reaching the finals. John Joca of Cleveland, Ohio, earned second place, two of his boys reaching the finals.

For the first time in his career as a boxer, Tommy Beck lost in a return bout. Two years ago in Baltimore, Tommy won a close nod over Ben Brown and returned to Atlanta to repeat the same trick. Alas and alack, Beck found he was not fighting the same Ben Brown of two years back and wound up as a six-round kayo victim at Warren's Arena in the Georgia city. Brown has improved greatly within the past year and we look forward to seeing his name in the world's ranking.

One of the nation's best indoor fight clubs is the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham, Alabama, which has the very popular Jimmy Erwin in the matchmaker role. It was Jimmy who piloted Petey Sarron to the world's featherweight crown several years ago.

In our opinion, the South's best amateur boxing team is the scrappy mitt slingers from the Frye Institute in Chattanooga, Tennessee, who have their record to prove it. They have a swell boxing coach in Carl K. Dowdey, a master in the art of self-defense. Coach Dowdey's boys have won nineteen out of twenty-one intersectional bouts. Their reverses were to Atlanta and Pensacola, but later came back to dish out two victories apiece against both teams. A few words about these youngsters:

Freckles Brown, 118-lb. champion, had 60 fights, winning 55, drew 1, lost 4, and his greatest achievement was in beating Melvin Black, who won the Southern bantam crown four years.

Dude Smith, 126-lb. champion, had 12 battles, winning most by the K.O. route. Dude's victory over Pierce Davis, runner-up in the 1937 National Tournament, is his latest.

Jimmy Williams, 135-lb. runner-up in the district championship, and a beautiful boxer.

Vaughn Cornish, 142-lb. district champion, had 19 bouts, won 18, losing only to Kid Duckette, present Atlanta holder.

Bruce Vanoer, 160-lb. kayo king, had 12 fights, won 9 by K.O.'s.

Jack Baggett, 170-lb. Thirty fights, won 29, and should go far in this coming tournament.

Lucius Brown, 198-lb. champion in this district, gains the distinction of being runner-up to Lloyd Montgomery, who went to the finals in the National Tournament.

Then there are Rudy Burk, 112-lb. runner-up; Henry Deyhle, 144 lbs., and Bob Buckner, 175 lbs., both runner-ups in their divisions. Marvin Saunders is the 134-lb. champion recently developed under Coach Dowdey and will make things hot for his teammate, Jimmy Williams as to who will hold that weight down.

If any amateur boxing club would like to meet this team, and is willing to pay for their traveling expenses, please contact Boxing Coach Carl K. Dowdey in care of the Frye Institute, Sixth and Cherry Sts., Chattanooga, Tennessee, and arrangements can be made.

Boxing Promoter Joe Lewis sends in a few lines to let us know that Baton Rouge has once more taken to professional boxing after a five-year lay-off. In case any fighter would like to box in Baton Rouge, just write to Joe at 313 North Boulevard in the city mentioned.

Boxing is booming in Belize, British Honduras, under Promoter Ira M. Pommells, who is doing his level best to bring ace performers to his shows. This correspondent has sent Jackie Carter and Emil Cody to the promoter and Pete Tarpley is soon to leave for there also. This is the best time of the season for fighters to perform in Belize, Mr. Pommells reports, and he would like to have more U. S. boys there. That hard-hitting Dominick Ceccarrelli is spending a few months there and if a fit opponent can be found for him, Promoter Pommells would be very enthused to use him against Dominick.

Lightweights, welterweights and heavies are the main attractions in Belize, and if you are of good merit and would like to go there, please contact me at the following address: 605 West Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Florida.

Emil Cody, a scrappy Syrian lightweight from Seattle, spent several days in Jacksonville, Florida, as guest of the writer before embarking on a boxing tour in Belize, British Honduras. While hitting the Southern spots, he made a good showing at wherever he appeared. Sammy Magro, who was going like a house afire till he met Cody, looked a rank amateur before the boxing skill of the latter. Magro was honored by THE RING Magazine as the best prospect for October, 1938. Bon voyage, Emil, and loads of luck.

Results among the most important battles that took place in Southern cities during the past month follow:

Chino Alvarez scored twice over Irish Johnny Dean by decisions, both lightweights. Carl Sivers T.K.O.'ed Don King and Battling Mickey in three apiece. They also are lightweights. Kenny La Salle outpointed Harry Jacobson in a ten-round welterweight duel, and Belting Ben Brown kayoed Tommy Beck in six heats, besides winning an easy decision over Bob Turner in a tenner.

IN ARGENTINE RINGS
By K. G. COVINGTON

THE great little Chilean scrapper, Luis Vicentini, passed away last month. May his memory linger on.

Before a full house, Alberto Lovell smashed his way to a thrilling victory over Valentine Campolo to win both the Argentine and South American heavyweight titles.

Daniel Aldao, challenger, met Bantamweight Champion Isaac Jure and lost on a foul in the sixth round. The title was not at stake owing to both exceeding the limit.

Oscar Casanovas, our 1936 Olympic champion, made his pro debut against the Italian, Mario Gualdrini, and beat him in 12 rounds.

Ignacio Ara licked H. Gularte and Carlos Abate in nine and three rounds, respectively . . . . Amado Azar, Argentine, easily decisioned the cruiser, Enio May, and K.O.'d C. Abate in two . . . . In 10 rounds, A. Fernandez outpointed Martinez de Alfara.

Many thanks to all boys who gave us our money's worth in the Pan-American Tournaments. My congratulations also to the six boxing delegations for the wonderful way said tournaments were managed. The table of results follow:

	Matches	*Won*	*Lost*	*Points*
Argentine	40	38	2	38
Uruguay	40	22	18	22
Chile	40	20	20	20
U. S. A.	40	19	21	19
Peru	40	18	22	18
Brazil	40	3	37	3

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JACKIE DONOVAN'S pro debut was made in victory with the Irish imp scoring a knockout win over Steve Bucalatta, Niagara Falls welterweight, in five rounds. Donovan was a sensation and a great drawing card during his simonpure days. Personally the writer is inclined to believe that Jackie made a mistake in leaving the amateur ranks at this particular time.

Jimmy Winters steps into Donovan's shoes as the best attraction among the amateurs. The former Cincinnati lad, now making Buffalo his home, defeated Bill Speary of Philadelphia in a red-hot featherweight tilt. The little men, chock full of fight, provided real fireworks and had the 2500 spectators standing on their heads. Tommy Paul, former featherweight champion, is managing young Winters and Tommy is doing a good job.

A splendid opportunity awaits fighters who can fight here in the Buffalo area. This city is one of the best boxing towns in the U. S. A. Jimmy Slattery, Jimmy Duffy and Rocky Kansas made fortunes here. Good boxers of all weights who are free from managerial entanglements and contracts write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

The writer of this column will be very grateful to boxing fans in England, Ireland, South Africa and other parts of the British Empire if they will send me some newspapers. Address Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., U.S.A.

FISTIC MISCELLANY—Promoter Jack Herman has given his January 20 wrestling date to Charlie Murray, who will present Don Budge and Ellie Vines in a tennis exhibition . . . . Pro boxing is back at Rochester with Gabe Genovese doing the promoting . . . . Jack O'Brien will again stage shows at St. Mary's, Pa. . . . . O'Brien has made good down in Elk county as a past master when it comes to putting on high grade cards . . . . Ted Joyce, former Toronto bantam star, is an ardent Irish terrier enthusiast and fancier. Ted intends to take in all the leading dog shows in Canada . . . . Sammy Keller, here with his good young fighter, Jackie Callura of Hamilton, wants to pit Callura against the world's best featherweights . . . . The kid looks great and lambasted Jimmy Gilligan for keeps in their setto for the Queensberry A. C.

The complete results on the Queensberry club's fight card of November 15 was as follows: Jackie Callura, 124, Toronto, defeated Jimmy Gilligan, 122, Hamburg, six rounds; Jackie Donovan, 141, Buffalo, knocked out Steve Bucallata, 147, Niagara Falls, in 2.44 of fifth round; Billy Nitchey, 177, Pittsburgh, defeated Jacko O'Sullivan, 195, Niagara Falls, six rounds; Tommy Tedesco, 144, Niagara Falls, scored a technical knockout over Norm Cordaro, 142, Batavia, in 2.46 of fourth round, bout stopped by referee; Schoolboy Andrews, 176, Buffalo, scored a technical knockout over Ray Gore, 194, Buffalo, in 1.58 of first round, bout stopped by referee; Lou Presto, 175, Buffalo, scored a technical knockout over Charley Douglas, 190, Buffalo, in 1.35 of first round, bout stopped by referee. Referee, Luke Carr; judges, Dan Russo and John Krysinski; timer, Frank E. Klipfel; announcer, Manny Weitz.

Leroy Evans, hard-punching Negro heavyweight, is raising havoc among the amateurs of the Niagara frontier . . . . Evans is managed by Sam Mineo, who conducts the Mineo gymnasium at East Eagle and Jefferson Avenue . . . . Leroy will be quite a find if he continues his good work as a knockerout.

If the New York State Athletic Commission was on its toes, the noble body would investigate the local hodge-podge of matchmaking and managing.

FACES ABOUT TOWN—Manager Tommy (Gray Eagle) Timlin is running into all sorts of tough luck with his promising young heavyweight, Rudy Stiller . . . . Timlin has been forced to defer Rudy's return to ring action due to an injured arm . . . . Bert Finch is reported as "all set" to manage Mike Martyk, the St. Catherines bearcat . . . . Finch is also rounding up a stable of young and coming scrappers . . . . Sam Mineo's Jefferson Street gym is a busy place these days and Jack Singer's big emporium is headquarters for boxers in the business section of the city . . . . Nothing would please Ben Irvine more than a couple of punching heavies . . . . And Red Murray wouldn't care what they weighed if the boxers could wallop . . . . Gene Tunney refereed the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves tournament.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By PROF. WILFRED STEPHENSON

ONE of the biggest programs put on here by Ruggero de Santis took place on November 12 when two title bouts were staged at the Manco Capac pit in the presence of a packed house. Roberto Carrillo, the greatly improved Peruvian lightweight, was awarded the decision over the champion, Mario Verano; and Botija Alejos, painstaking and clever featherweight king, lost the belt to Cachorrin Carrasco just by a hair's breadth. In the semi-final bout, Armando Cueva of Cuba knocked out the Chilean light-heavyweight, Victorino Andrade, in the early stages of an eight-rounder.

Roberto Carrillo's first fight since winning the lightweight title from Verano took place the following week with the Argentine performer, Francisco Magnelli, as contender. To my mind, Carrillo did most of the fighting that took place and was entitled to the decision. The jury said it was a draw. In the semi-final, Spider Carty scraped his way on to victory over Armando Cueva in eight comical rounds.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA fight fans have no kick to make. They were treated with the finest brand of Golden Glove contests that can be had anywhere in the world. Ask Nat Fleischer, he'll tell you. THE RING Editor was Havana's guest during November. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fleischer and his friend Irving Manheimer. Mr. Fleischer created a sensation by donating six golden glove belts, and when he personally presented the first one to Santiago Sosa as featherweight champion, Mr. Fleischer received one of the biggest ovations ever witnessed in a Havana ring. Nat was the personal guest of Comandante Jaime Marine, president of the Boxing Commission, and the Cuban Government, and he expressed his delight and appreciation for the courtesies and keen hospitality shown him by all he met during his stay here.

Santiago Sosa holds the distinction of being Cuba's first Golden Glove champion. He defeated Lorenzo Collazo in a hard contest for the featherweight title.

Reynaldo Gutierrez was crowned Golden Glove middleweight champion by defeating Juan Delgado. Mr. Fleischer tabbed Reynaldo as a promising ringster.

Angel Ruiz also showed his wares in Mr. Fleischer's presence and won the welterweight title by outpointing Nicolas Duenas in a thrilling battle.

Baby Cristal, only weighing sixty pounds, won the Golden Glove midget title by scoring over Baby Diego. Mr. Fleischer was amazed at the clever boxing displayed in this contest.

Sergio Napoles, coming bantamweight, just keeps winning by the K.O. route and Mr. Fleischer told the writer that he looked like a corking prospect.

Some of the other Golden Glove fighters who displayed their brands were: C. Fernandez, Guillermo Tartabull, M. Navarette, M. Morales, R. Ferrer, L. Salgado, E. de la Torre and Baby Gonzales. Kid Chile and Guillermo Barrios fought for the bantamweight title. Ramon Tia won the paperweight championship. Young Canzoneri and Lorenzo Safora were the finalists in the flyweight tourney.

Mr. Fleischer was well impressed with the class of boxing shown by the Cuban boys. The future, he said, looked quite promising for Cuban boxing.

Luis Parga, a short time back called the "Cuban Tex Rickard," is back on the job again. He will promote the Kid Chocolate-Nick Jerome fight in December, to be held at the Cuban Sports Palace. Parga has also imported from Mexico, Carlos Rodriguez, bantam; Arizona Kid, featherweight, and Ramon Chavas, lightweight, all of whom will be pitted against worthy local talent. Good luck, Parga, and keep up the good work.

Joe Coego, who came back to life a couple of months ago to regain the lightweight title, is training hard for some lucrative bouts. Coego is a splendid performer, and a popular man around town.

Kid Chocolate is gradually getting into fine shape for his coming contest with Nick Jerome of New York. After this fight, the Keed will travel to other ports with his new mentor, Jess Losada, popular Havana journalist, who knows the game pretty well. THE RING Editor watched the Keed in his daily training and predicted he'll come back. The Keed is taking fine care of himself and is the most popular fighter in Cuba.

The Sports Palace, which has been built under the direction of Com. Jaime Marine, is one of the finest in its class in Latin-American countries. The Palace was inaugurated on November 29 by Vines vs. Perry, star tennis players. The Palace has a large seating capacity, and is a wonderfully constructed building. Thanks for all of this to our friend, Marine, who certainly is doing some marvelous work to better sports for Cuba.

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IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER

By I. Q. GROSS

BOXING in this state is enjoying a great boom. Promoters are giving the fans action bouts and the boxers are coming through with plenty of sensational battling. The only disappointment was registered at Orange where the club failed because of poor promotion tactics. It is too bad that boxing failed in Tony Galento's home town. We believe that a promoter who knows his business can still make that town a good fight center.

Frankie Conn, Lyndehurst, handled by Angelo Pucci, defeated Benny Piazza, New York, in eight at Newark. Carlos Quebas, Puerto Rico, outfought Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, but the latter was given an unpopular decision in another eight. Tony Novello, Englewood, upset Frankie Bove, Newark, in the third eight. Marty Lieberman, Newark heavyweight managed by Al Zeider, scored a hit by outpointing Bill Walters in a four . . . . Paulie Walker, Trenton, lost a 10-rounder to Billy Celebron in Chicago.

The writer's address is 68 Huntington Terrace, Newark, N. J. We shall be glad to hear from readers in all parts of the world and shall help any fighters without managers who desire action in this section.

BOXING MEMORIES—Still in the best of health is Joe Pendergast, former heavyweight who fought Jake Kilrain and John L. Sullivan in the bare-knuckle days of fisticuffs. Pendergast is now 77 and an active tavern owner in this state at Neptune. In his prime, Pendergast, fighting out of Brooklyn, defeated such former "greats" as Diamond McDermott, George Marshall, Jim Welsh, John Quinn, Joe Moore and Hugh Burns. The purses he received were from $200 to $500. Occasionally Pendergast makes a speaking tour through the state, teaching youngsters the tricks of the boxing game along with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Charley Roden.

We saw the world's most publicized fighter, Tony Galento, the belting beer bartender of Orange, flatten the stumbling Harry Thomas in Philadelphia in three rounds.

After being held to a draw in the first bout, Allie Stolz, popular Newark Jewish featherweight, scored an eight-round decision over Willie Skidmore in their second bout in Newark before a $2000 house. Hymie Caplan, Stolz's manager, worked in his corner . . . . Another of Caplan's fighters, Harry Ovis, New York, flattened Frankie Salvatore, Newark, in a six. In a four, Marty Leiberman, a fast rising Newark heavyweight, decisioned James Quigley, New York. Leiberman looks like a great prospect and has a large following among Jewish fans.

Six Second Powell, Plainfield welterweight, managed by Benny Cantor, finally defeated Paulie Walker, Trenton, in Plainfield, in an eight-round bout. Walker had previously won two decisions and fought a draw with Powell. In the six-round semi-final, Butch Lynch, Plainfield, outpointed Mickey Finn, New Orleans.

From Durham, North Carolina, we learn that an old friend, Max Novich of Newark, has been appointed a member of the Durham Boxing Commission. Novich starred at Central High School on the football team and then was a member of the North Carolina boxing team for four years. He won the Southern Conference light-heavyweight championship in 1936 and 1937. Twice he reached the finals in the national intercollegiate championships, losing both times to Ray Matuelewicz of Duke, who is now fighting in Philadelphia for Tommy Loughran as Matt Raymond. Good luck, Max!

On the Armstrong-Garcia show at Madison Square Garden there were two fights between New Jerseyans. Cal Cagni, Cresskill middleweight, floored Frankie Blair, Camden, twice and won a six-round decision, and Joey Ferrando, Jersey City, stopped Nunzio Bisogno, Newark, in the fourth of a six. Too bad for Bisogno. Cagni's real name is Calcagni. He received his first start under Joe Jeanette, now living in Union City, this state.

The rugged Jay Macadon, South Orange welterweight, again whipped Roosevelt Rowe in Atlantic City. Florida and other out-of-state promoters who would like to use New Jersey boxers should contact the writer at 68 Huntington Terrace, Newark, N. J. Freddy Fiducia and Don Petrin are in training again. Promoters who would like to use Petrin can reach him through this column.

The Orange fight club folded because of poor promotion. Eddie Blunt, New York, defeated Bob Tow, Alexandria, Va., in the 10-round feature on the second show which drew only $300.

Bucky Jones, former Morristown battler, is now handling Bunky Wall of the same town, who recently defeated Tom Reed, Newark, in Plainfield . . . . Marty Walker, associate of Lou Diamond, is now managing 17-year-old Donald (Red) Russell, an amateur lightweight, who also plays football for Good Counsel High School . . . . Irwin Goldie of New York writes to boost Vincent Attarti, cousin of Frankie Genaro, and Nick Maxis . . . . Vince resides in Jersey City and has made a good record as an amateur . . . . Larry Lane, Al Cohen's hard-hitting light-heavy from Trenton, decisioned Nick Young, Philly, in ten at Newark . . . . Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, defeated Frank Reese in eight at Jersey City . . . . Andy Watts has a corking good lightweight in Phil Sharkey . . . . Buddy Ryan, Roselle Park, lost an eight to Gus Dorazio in Camden. On the same card, Bobby Jones, Atlantic City, was beaten by Frank Caris . . . . Johnny Rohrig whipped Johnny Ferrand in eight at New York and Tommy Roman, Bayonne, drew with Frank Reese at Jersey City . . . . At Jersey City also Willie Harris, Newark, outpointed Pee Wee Bonito, Bayonne, in a six.

Lou Brouillard, Worcester, Mass., looked far from the champion he once was when he lost a ten-round decision to Ray Miller in Newark. Brouillard gave away eight pounds to the winner. The former world's welterweight and middleweight champion was down twice in the ninth.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons, who never reached the fistic heights made by his illustrious father, now lives in Greenwood Lake in this state. He comes to Newark often to watch his 15-year-old daughter swim . . . . Young Terry, former Trenton middleweight, is now a clothing salesman. He defeated Solly Krieger three years ago . . . . The writer is assisting in the formation of the New Jersey Union of Boxing. Purpose of the organization is to fight for boxers' pension funds, minimum pay for preliminary fighters, proper training facilities and care for sick battlers.

Barney Ross, the former lightweight champion, is now in the dress business with his father-in-law in Newark . . . . Charley Weinert is a tavern owner in Newark.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

JOE DE CARLO, Rochester's amateur welterweight champion and this city's gift to the team representing the United States in the recent Pan-American boxing tournament in Argentina's Luna Park, had many a tale to tell and many more memories to treasure as a result of his sojourn to the Argentine capital. In five encounters with the South Americans, De Carlo dropped only one decision to an Argentine foe to mar an otherwise perfect score.

Joe and his younger brother, Tony, are weighing their decisions in regards to offers of turning professional. However, it seems imminent. Tony, by the way, is a fine prospect.

Bi-weekly shows are promoted by the Monroe County Sporting Club headed by the capable and all-around good fellow, Ellison Kosoff. His last two offerings have been two Ralph de John-Teddy Yarosz battles, both of which ran local and Western New York fistic fever to a high pitch.

Following are the results of the last two pro cards: Ralph De John won eight-round decision over Teddy Yarosz, Pittsburgh, middleweights; Al Traino, Rochester, 142, outpointed Mickey Serian, Scranton, Pa., 148 (8); Jimmy Gilligan, Buffalo, won from Joey Brown, Syracuse, featherweights (6); Eddie Saxon, Syracuse, won from Billy Nitchey, Buffalo, middleweights (6); Frankie Flynn, Batavia, won by T.K.O. over Jimmy Williams, Rochester, lightweights, 2:40 of second round.

Teddy Yarosz, Pittsburgh, awarded judges' decision over Ralph De John, Syracuse, middleweights (10); Joe Boscarino, Rochester, won a decision over Mel Glionna, Toronto, lightweights (8); Al Traino, Rochester, outpointed Ely Westly, Atlantic City, welterweights (6); Eddie Saxon, Syracuse, decisioned Lou Presto, Buffalo, middleweights (6); Lou Conte, Rochester, T.K.O.'d Frankie Flynn, Batavia, lightweights (4).

Johnny Aicher, the former Rochester high school boy, who was such a sensation among the amateurs here and in Pittsburgh, is in Los Angeles and has turned pro.

Congress will this year have a former wrestler occupying one of its benches. He is the Hon. Joseph J. O'Brien, elected from the 38th Congressional district. The Hon. O'Brien turned to wrestling after his college days and performed throughout the country. Although he retired quite a few years ago he still keeps a close interest in the game as well as the other sports.

Eddie Thomas is back in harness and threatens to give a lot of boys trouble aplenty. His bald spot seems to have disappeared. Eddie has had a long rest and is looking fit and younger.

Managers, promoters, fans and fighters (amateur or pro), wishing advice, information or work in Rochester or hereabouts should write to Sam Porcelli, 181 N. Union St., Rochester, N. Y. For personal letters enclose a self-addressed envelope.

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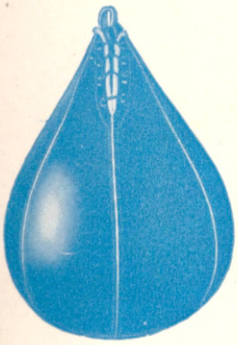

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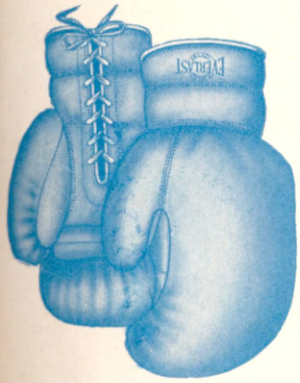

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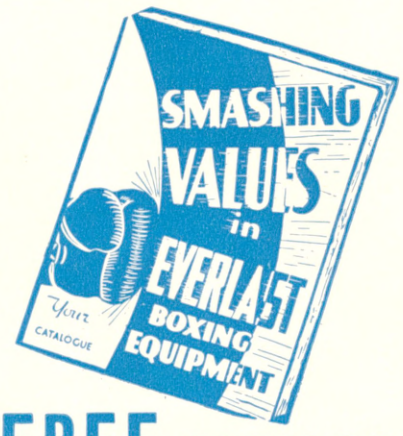

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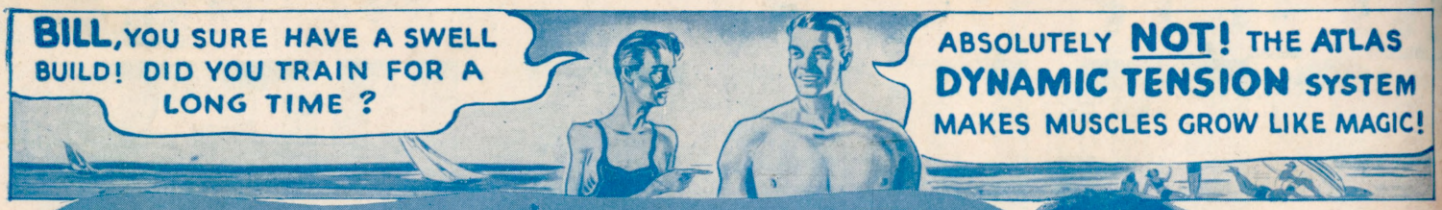

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